

Two Questions And Two Answers

Matthew 9:10-17

Intro:

- A. **Matthew recorded his call to follow Jesus.**
 - 1. It is brief and to the point.
 - 2. There is great humility displayed by him.

- B. **Mark and Luke give us more information.**
 - 1. Matthew, left all and followed Jesus.
 - 2. He made a feast in his house for Jesus.
 - 3. He invited all sorts of people.
 - 4. The Pharisees questioned Him.
 - 5. The disciples of John questioned Him.

I. Jesus At Matthew's House.

- A. **"And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples." V.10**
 - 1. publicans = a farmer of the taxes or customs. One who paid to the government a certain sum for the privilege of the taxes and customs of a district. From $\tau\epsilon\lambda\omicron\varsigma$ = "tax" and $\omega\nu\epsilon\omicron\mu\alpha\iota$ = "to purchase."
 - 2. sinners = $\alpha\mu\alpha\rho\tau\omega\lambda\omicron\varsigma$ = "erring from the way, or mark, erring from the divine law, a transgressor." John 12:42, John 9:16,22, John 16:2. These scriptures teach us that these "sinners" were those who had been put out of the synagogue for breaking some law or tradition of the elders.

- B. **The Pharisees question. V.11**
 - 1. They saw what Jesus did.
 - 2. They assumed He would reject these sinners.

II. The Answer Of Jesus.

- A. **"But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." V.12**
 - 1. heard = $\alpha\kappa\omicron\upsilon\omega$ = "to learn by hearing"
 - 2. whole = $\iota\sigma\chi\upsilon\omega$ = "to be strong, robust"

3. sick = εχω κακος = "to have evil, ill"
- B. **"But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice" v.13a**
1. "go away and learn the meaning of this..."
 2. meaneth = εστιν = "it is"
 3. mercy = ελεος = "active compassion"
 4. sacrifice = θυσια = "the act of killing and offering in sacrifice."
 5. It is mercy that wins favor with me, and not sacrifice" - Knox
 6. Proverbs 21:3 - "To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice."
 7. Hosea 6:6 - "For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings."
 8. Micah 6:6
 9. Matthew 12:1-8
- C. **"...for I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."**
1. righteous = δικαιος = "a right state"
 2. sinners = (See I, A, 2)
 3. repentance = εις μετανοια = "change of mind."
 4. "I did not come to beckon the virtuous but the outcasts"

III. The Disciples Of John Question Jesus.

- A. **"Then came the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?" v.14**
1. "Then John's disciples approached Him with the question" - Phi
 2. "but your disciples don't fast at all." - Nor
- B. **The illustration of the bridegroom. V.15**
1. children = υιος = "a son," "a male child"
 2. "Will the friends of the newly-married man be sad" - Bas
- C. **The illustration of new cloth on an old garment. V.16**
1. The teachings of Jesus are not an attempt to reform Judaism.

2. These teachings are those of the new covenant and not a "patch" on the old covenant.

D. The illustration of new wine in old bottles. V.17

1. The new wine is the new covenant.
2. The old win skins are the old covenant.
3. The New Testament teachings belong in a new wine skin.

E. The answer of Jesus.

1. My disciples don't fast because I am with them. Later they will fast.
2. They don't fast according to the Old Testament but they will fast according to the New Testament.
3. Fasting in the O.T. was by law, fasting in the N.T. is by grace and love.

