

Feast or Fasting?

Luke 5:33-39

Intro: If you asked the average person what they would rather do, feast or fast, the former of the two would probably win hands down. Even those who practice the observance of Ramadan can't hold out longer than daylight hours before they break the fast in order to feast. Nonetheless, in Jesus' time fasting was a practice that truly devout Jews (apparently) readily practiced. In fact, the lack of the evidence of fasting on the part of Jesus' disciples became another target for stone-throwing by those not open to Jesus' teaching or practice. So here's the question, "Fast, or no fast?"

I. Do Pharisees really care; do they really 'get it'? (vs. 33)

- A. "They" keep up the cross examination of Jesus et al
- B. "They" try to divide and conquer: John the Baptist vs. Jesus

II. An attempt at a brief examination of fasting...

III. An attempt at a brief examination of feasting...

IV. Jesus reviews celebration with the Pharisees (vs. 34)

- A. There's feasting at the time of celebration; and...
- B. There's fasting at a time of mourning. (vs. 35)

--A peak at a parable... (vs. 36)