

**15 - Luke 5:33-6:11- The controversy of Jesus**

When you decided to follow Jesus did you expect him to turn your world upside down?

**Good Godly followers of YHWH ...**

a) Good godly followers of YHWH fast

... a Jewish rite of piety.

OT primarily mentioned fasting in times of sorrow.

When Jesus is around it is not a time for mourning but a time for celebration.

“free from any religious observances that would lessen their joy”

Why they will never be compatible.

... parables have to do with sewing and wine making.

1) ... Judaism in Jesus' day was so completely distorted from what God originally gave his people that is simply cannot be reformed.

2) ... the way God is doing things is moving from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant.

b) Good godly followers of YHWH keep the sabbath and do not harvest grain (6:1-5)

Jesus' disciples were breaking the Sabbath law

The law against harvesting on the Sabbath was never excluding people from basic eating.

See 1 Samuel 21:1-7

... what Jesus says about godly living is completely inconsistent with graceless, legalistic, distorted teachings of the Judaism of his day.

And Sabbath's regulations, can be adjusted by him on compassionate grounds.

Jesus was Lord of the Sabbath and as such he was going to exercise his authority over the sabbath regulations.

c) Good godly followers of YHWH keep the sabbath and do not heal people (6:6-11)

... will Jesus break the sabbath law and heal the man with the shrivelled hand

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... or will Jesus embrace compassion?

The heart of God, the heart of Jesus is to show compassion.

For us today

Religious practices that are wrong?

How do you react ...?

What religious practices do you do that cannot be found in the bible?

Is the bible against them or indifferent towards them?

So who decides?

When things are incompatible?

... are you happy to settle for religious familiarity and contentment even when it is opposed to God's word?

A word on fasting

... if fasting helps you long more for the return of Jesus, mourn the brokenness of our world or focus your thoughts on God...