

OPPOSITION!!!

(Luke 5:33-6:11)

It is a law of physics that you cannot move in this world without causing friction. Many of the things that we use have lubricates to help overcome the heat and resistance that normally results from close contact with...

Jesus is in the early days of His ministry. He has been teaching, preaching, feeding the hungry, and healing the sick. All of this caused a great excitement in Israel. Yet, the religious leaders increasingly despised Him. The tension and conflict was rising, and it would end at His Cross. "Crucify Him!!"

THREE CONTROVERSIES REMINDING US THAT OUR FALLEN WORLD

HATES JESUS. So don't be surprised when you live for Jesus you too will be opposed and marginalized.

I. A Question Of Fasting: The Issue Is Jesus, His Presence Brings Joy.(5:33-39)

This voluntary form of spiritual discipline is to be from our hearts and not mere ritual.

- A. The Pharisees confronted Jesus and want to know why His disciples do not fast. (v. 33)
 - 1. Fasting means to avoid the eating of food for a period of time to draw close to Him.
 - 2. The Old Testament tells there are times to fast:
The people were to fast on the Day of Atonement. (Lev 16)
Times of repentance and grief were times of fasting...(David...)
 - 3. The Pharisees fasted twice a week. Every Monday and Thursday...
 - 4. Jesus practiced fasting during His temptation. (Matthew 4:1)
- B. Jesus answers His critics: Today is like a wedding, and wedding feasts are not for fasting.(34f)
 - 1. In essence, for the disciples, that day was a day of overflowing joy!
He is the Bridegroom. They are His attendants. Excitement!
 - 2. It would not make sense to fast today, but in the future they would when He would be taken from them. (This pictured His coming death.) (v.35) Fast, yes, but not today!
- C. Jesus goes deeper telling them that it was a brand new day, a new situation. That it was impossible to mix their old ways with Him. (vv.36-39) He explains this by parables:
 - 1. New patch on old material. You can't patch a little bit of Jesus on the old way of life.
 - 2. Never put new wine in old wineskins...both would be ruined and lost. (vv.37-38)
 - 3. He represents the new wine, they loved the old and would never change. (v.39)

II. A Question Of Plucking And Eating: People Are Placed Over Rules! (6:1-5)

Jesus teaches us that love for God and love for people is the true inward purpose of the Law!

