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INTRODUCTION

TEXT: "No man rendeth a piece from a new garment and putteth it upon an old garment; else he will rend the new, and also the piece from the new will not agree with the old. And no man putteth new wine ino old wine-skins; else the new wine will burst the skins, and itself will be spilled, and the skins will perish." (Luke 5:36-37).

THE SETTING:

- A. Question had been raised by the Pharisees and Scribes.
 - 1. Jesus' disciples did not act as did the disciples of John.
 - 2. They did not act as did the disciples of the Pharisees.
 - 3. The Pharisees had determined what was and what was not Appropriate Action. The accepted action.
- B. AT THE TIME THEY WERE DISCUSSING FASTING.
 - 1. John's disciples fasted.
 - 2. Their disciples fasted.
 - 3. But Jesus' disciples did not.
- C. JESUS ANSWERED WITH TWO PARABLES.
 - 1. You don't patch an old garment with new cloth.
 - 2. You don't put new wine in old skins.
 - 3. Either action would be inappropriate and would result in loss and damage.
- D. There would be a time for Jesus' disciples to mourn and fast.
 - 1. Between the time of His death and His Resurrection.
 - 2. But it would be Inappropriate at this time for them to fast!

JESUS AND SINNERS

- A. "And Levi made him a great feast in his house: and there was a great multitude of publicans and of others that were sitting at meat with them. And the Pharisees and their scribes murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with the publicans and sinners? And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are in health have no need of a physician; but they that are sick. I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:29-32).
 - 1. The Jews attitude toward sinners. (Seen several times in ministry of Jesus)
 - 2. To them to deal with sinners or the care for sinners was an inappropriate action.

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- B. On Another Occasion Jesus Deals With This Attitude With Three Parables.
 - 1. "The Lost Sheep"
 - 2. "The Lost Coin"
 - 3. "The Prodigal Son" or "The Lost Son".
- C. "For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost" (19:10)
 - 1. Care For sinners:
 - a. God gave His Son; John 3:16.
 - b. Jesus gave His life on the cross.
 - 2. Jesus saw the sinners need....They were lost.

The field was White Unto Harvest...His Invitation (Matt. 11:28).

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A. WHAT IS INAPPROPRIATE ACTION?

- B. It Is Always Inappropriate To Argue With God!
 - 1. Balaam. (Numbers 22,23; Deut. 23.)
 - a. The Story. Balaam.
 - b. Finally Found himself arguing with a donkey.
 - c. His sin and action mentioned (2 Pet. 2:15; Jude 11; Rev. 2:14).
 - d. Cost him his life.
 - 2. Ahab:
 - a. Ahab wanted Jehoshaphat (Judah) to join Israel in war against Syria.
 - b. Jehoshaphat wants to hear from a prophet of God.
 - c. The only one there was Micaiah.
 - d. Ahab said: "And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of Jehovah, Micaiah the son of Imlah: but I hate him, for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil." (I Kings 22:8).
 - e. The Rest Of The Story. Ahab was killed (I Kings 22:34).
- C. IT IS STILL NOT APPROPRIATE TO ARGUE WITH GOD.
 - 1. Nor is it any more successful.
 - 2. To argue with His Word is to argue with God.
 - 3. When God commands man can either obey or suffer.
 - 4. But....MAN CAN NEVER SUCCEED IN REBELLION.
- D. SIN IS INAPPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO GOD!!

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- A. IT IS ALWAYS APPROPRIATE TO DO WHAT THE LORD SAYS.
- B. "And when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answered and said, Master, we toiled all night, and took nothing: but at thy word I will let down the nets." (Luke 5:4-5).
 - 1. Had fished all night and the fish were not there.
 - 2. "At thy word....
 - 3. Blessings always come from doing what the Lord says.

CONCLUSION

A. THE HOUSE BUILDERS OF MATTHEW CHAPTER SEVEN!

- 1. Is it Appropriate To Build on The Sand?
- 2. He that heareth these Word of Mine and DOETH THEM!

B. OBEDIENCE IS ALWAYS THE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

Your Life and Actions Today, Are They the Appropriate Response To God?