

Old and New (Matthew 9:14-17)

Introduction

- What are we seeing about the Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 8 – 9?

i Fasting

- Who comes to Jesus in v14?
- What is behind their question?
- Do they do the right thing in coming to Jesus? Why?
- What does Jesus call himself in v15?
- Give three Old Testament references where God calls himself that.

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- What is Jesus pointing to, therefore?
- What is Jesus' point here?
- What is Jesus' attitude to fasting in Matthew 6:16-18?
- What does Psalm 43:4 call God?
- Why is that joy not dependent upon circumstances?
- How joyful is that joy?
- Are you a joyful Christian?

- If not, what should you do?
- What should you do if you are not a Christian?

ii Freshness

- What is Jesus' first illustration (in v16) about?
- What is Jesus' second illustration (in v17) about?
- What is the point of the two illustrations?
- What does this show about Jesus?
- What does Colossians 2:16-17 teach about him?
- Why does that not mean that the Old Testament is worthless?
- How does Jesus bring freshness to the old covenant...
 - sacrifices?
 - priests?
 - kings?
 - prophets?
- What does Jesus give us when we come to him, according to II Corinthians 5:17?
- In what areas do we become new?
- How should we respond to all this?