

Easy English Bible Study Lesson 21: The Question about Fasting

Read Luke 5:33-39 (ERV)

10 Vocabulary Words:

1. **bridegroom**: A man who is getting married.
2. **cloth**: Material used to make clothes or covers.
3. **fast**: To go without food for a time to pray and honor God.
4. **fine**: Good enough or satisfactory.
5. **Pharisee**: A religious leader who was very strict about rules.
6. **pour**: To make a liquid flow out of a container.
7. **ruin**: To spoil or destroy something.
8. **spill**: To accidentally let liquid flow out of a container.
9. **wedding**: A party where a man and a woman get married.
10. **wineskin**: A bag made of skin used to hold wine.

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20 Vocabulary Words:

1. **all the time:** Happening very often or always.
2. **break:** To separate something into pieces.
3. **bridegroom:** A man who is getting married.
4. **cloth:** Material used to make clothes or covers.
5. **coat:** A piece of clothing worn over other clothes to keep warm.
6. **fast:** To go without food for a time to pray and honor God.
7. **fine:** Good enough or satisfactory.
8. **follower:** A person who learns from and obeys a teacher.
9. **groom:** A man who is getting married.
10. **hole:** An opening or an empty space in something.
11. **John the Baptizer:** A man sent by God to tell people that Jesus was coming.
12. **leader:** A person who is in charge of a group.
13. **Pharisee:** A religious leader who was very strict about rules.
14. **pour:** To make a liquid flow out of a container.
15. **religious:** Relating to religion or the worship of God.
16. **ruin:** To spoil or destroy something.
17. **spill:** To accidentally let liquid flow out of a container.
18. **story:** A description of people and events that happened.
19. **wedding:** A party where a man and a woman get married.
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Comprehension Questions

1. Which two groups of followers were fasting and praying?
2. What were the disciples of Jesus doing instead of fasting?
3. Who did Jesus compare himself to in his answer about the wedding?
4. Why did Jesus say the friends of the bridegroom were not sad?
5. When did Jesus say his friends would eventually fast?
6. What happens if someone uses a piece of a new coat to fix an old one?
7. What did Jesus say people used to hold wine in his time?
8. What happens to the wine and the bags if new wine is put in old wineskins?
9. What kind of wineskin is needed for new wine?
10. What did the people say about the old wine at the end of the story?

Application Questions

1. How do you feel when you are at a happy party with your friends?
2. Why is it important to have joy when we think about Jesus?
3. How do you feel when you have to change a habit and learn something new?
4. Who can you share some of your joy with this week?
5. What is one way you can be ready to listen to the new teachings of Jesus?

Theological Insights

1. Jesus is the bridegroom who brings joy to his followers.
2. We can celebrate because Jesus is with us.
3. Jesus teaches us a new way to live that is better than old rules.
4. We need to be ready to change our hearts to follow Jesus.
5. Following Jesus brings a new life that is full of his love.

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Vocabulary Match

Instructions:

Match the word or phrase on the left with the correct definition on the right.

Write the letter of the definition on the line.

Word	Definition
1. _____ bridegroom	A. A celebration where two people get married.
2. _____ cloth	B. A leather bag used in ancient times for holding liquids.
3. _____ fast	C. A man who is about to be married or has just been married.
4. _____ fine	D. To damage something completely so it cannot be used.
5. _____ Pharisee	E. A strict religious leader who insisted on following every law.
6. _____ pour	F. Material used to make garments or cover items.
7. _____ ruin	G. Satisfactory, okay, or good enough.
8. _____ spill	H. To make a liquid flow smoothly out of a container.
9. _____ wedding	I. To go without eating food for a period of time to focus on God.
10. _____ wineskin	J. To accidentally drop or let liquid run out of a container.

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Grammar

Part A: Present Tense vs. Past Tense

Instructions:

Identify whether the underlined verb in each sentence is in the Present Tense or Past Tense.

1. People asked Jesus why his followers ate and drank all the time.
2. John's followers fast and pray often.
3. Jesus compared himself to a bridegroom at a wedding.
4. The old wineskin breaks when new wine expands inside it.
5. A man sewed new fabric onto an old coat.

Part B: Choosing the Correct Verb Form

Instructions:

Choose the correct word in parentheses to complete each sentence.

1. Jesus explained why his followers were not (fasting / fast).
2. People should not (ruined / ruin) a new coat to patch an old one.
3. New wine will (stretches / stretch) the leather bag as it sits.
4. The disciples were happy to (be / being) with Jesus.
5. The guests do not want to (cried / cry) during a wedding feast.

Part C: Subject-Verb Agreement

Instructions:

Choose the correct verb in parentheses to complete each sentence.

1. A Pharisee (follows / follow) strict rules very carefully.
2. The followers (eats / eat) and drink while the groom is present.
3. New wine (bursts / burst) old, stiff leather bags.
4. Good workers (pours / pour) new liquid into flexible containers.
5. Jesus (teaches / teach) the crowd using simple parables.

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Sequence of Events

Instructions:

Put these 6 events in the correct order by writing the numbers **1 through 6** on the lines.

- _____ A. Jesus explains that wedding guests do not fast while the bridegroom is still present with them.
- _____ B. Religious leaders and followers of John ask Jesus why his disciples eat and drink instead of fasting.
- _____ C. Jesus points out that people usually prefer old wine because they say the old wine is just fine.
- _____ D. Jesus shares a parable about why no one cuts fabric from a new coat to fix an old coat.
- _____ E. Jesus warns that putting new wine into old wineskins will cause the skins to break and the wine to spill.
- _____ F. Jesus mentions that a time will come when the groom is taken away, and then his followers will fast.

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Fill in the Blank

Instructions: Use the words in the word bank to complete the story.

Word Bank:

break	bridegroom	cloth	coat	fast
follower	Pharisee	spill	wedding	wineskin

Some people came to Jesus and asked a question about religious rules. They noticed that a strict (1)_____ and every (2)_____ of John the Baptizer would (3)_____ and pray often. They wondered why Jesus' disciples were eating and drinking instead. Jesus explained that guests at a (4)_____ party do not fast while the (5)_____ is still with them.

Jesus then used stories to teach about his new ways. He said no one tears a piece of (6)_____ from a new (7)_____ to fix an old one. He also said that no one pours new wine into an old (8)_____. If they do, the expanding wine will (9)_____ the dry bag, and the wine will (10)_____ all over the ground. Jesus taught that his new ways require a new heart.

Date: _____

My Prayer Journal (ACTS Method)

Bible Verse:

Write a verse to think about.

Adoration:

Tell God he is great!

Confession:

Tell God you are sorry.

Thanksgiving:

Thank God for good things.

Supplication:

Ask God to help you.

Supplication:

Ask God to help others.

Bible Translation Comparison Journal

Bible Verses: _____ Date: _____

First Version Analysis

Translation: _____

Important or New Words:

Main Idea:

Second Version Differences

Translation: _____

Word Differences:

Sentence Structure Differences:

Tone Differences:

Notes

What does this passage teach you about God or life?

What questions do you still have?

Reflection

Which version was easier for you to understand? Why?

Did reading both versions help you notice anything new?

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Answer Keys

Vocabulary Match

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| 1. C | 5. E | 9. A |
| 2. F | 6. H | 10. B |
| 3. I | 7. D | |
| 4. G | 8. J | |

Grammar:

Part A: Present Tense vs. Past Tense

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| 1. Past Tense | 3. Past Tense | 5. Past Tense |
| 2. Present Tense | 4. Present Tense | |

Part B: Choosing the Correct Verb Form

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| 1. fasting | 3. stretch | 5. cry |
| 2. ruin | 4. be | |

Part C: Subject-Verb Agreement

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| 1. follows | 3. bursts | 5. teaches |
| 2. eat | 4. pour | |

Sequence of Events:

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| 1. B | 3. F | 5. E |
| 2. A | 4. D | 6. C |

Fill in the Blank:

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|-------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1. Pharisee | 5. bridegroom | 9. break |
| 2. follower | 6. cloth | 10. spill |
| 3. fast | 7. coat | |
| 4. wedding | 8. wineskin | |