Matthew #6 (9:9 - 17)

I. Let us Look at the Call of Levi (9:9, 10)

A. Matthew being a tax collector was not the most popular of persons
   1. Perhaps involved in collecting taxes from ships coming in
   2. Tax collectors often enriched themselves by collecting more than due
      a. Forbidden to come to synagogue service because of Lev. 20:5
      b. People forbidden to have any contact with them-social outcasts
   3. But this chief of sinners is accepted by our Lord-tied to previous story
      a. Tax collectors and sinners grouped together- v. 10- Matt. 11:19

B. In parallel accounts in Mark & Luke- he is called Levi- Mk. 2:14; Lk 5:27
   1. They perhaps wanted to shield Matthew's past- Matthew doesn't
   2. Disciples often have 2 names: Peter/Simon; Thomas/Didymus
      a. Possibly like Peter- Jesus gave Matthew new name "Gift of God"

C. All we know about Matthew is his writing gospel- and this story

D. God uses his tax collector ability of record keeping- writes the gospel

E. Second account of calling disciples-4:18-22 - Same words- "Follow me"
   1. This call not conditional (Cmp. V. 13)- It is effectual call "Sees a man"

F. Matthew does three things which are evident of a conversion
   1. V. 9- Follows Jesus - Same word "arose" like paralytic (v. 7)
   2. Luke 5:28 - "He forsook all" - not required- but must be willing to do
   3. V. 10 - Introduces friends to Jesus (Woman of Samaria, Andrew)

II. Let us Look at the Conflict with the Pharisees (9:10-13)

A. Fame grows and opposition -"His house" probably Matthew's (Mk. 2:15)

B. V. 10- Like verse 2 uses word "Behold"- something extraordinary

C. V. 11-Pharisees don't go directly to Lord, but to disciples-moral objection

D. Vs. 12, 13- Jesus responds by saying three things
   1. Illustration from life-Dr to be with sick people- Only way to reach them
      a. Luke 13:26, 27- Not all who eat with Jesus will be converted
      a. "Go and Learn" - Pharisees know scripture, but do not apply it
   3. Comes not to call righteous but sinners-Not saying Pharisees righteous
      a. Luke 7:40-43; Rev. 3:17-Not what they are but what they perceive
      b. This is the general call - Matthew 22:14- Called vs. chosen

III. Then let us Look at the Conflict with John's Disciples (9:14-17)

A. Logical order- From eating with sinners- to even eating at all!

B. John's disciples like Pharisees practiced fasting- Luke 18:12; Mk. 1:6

C. There is only one possible required fast in scripture- Lev. 16:29

D. Jesus responds to this objection with 3 illustrations from everyday life
   1. Uses the illustration of wedding- Marriage is a time of joy
      a. God's relationship to people like marriage Ho. 2:16-20; 2 Cor. 11:2
      b. Fasting in scripture usually private and with mourning-Mat. 6:16-18
   2. Refers to using unshrunken piece of cloth to patch old garment
      a. When it shrinks it would destroy the new garment
   3. Refers to putting unfermented wine into old expanded wineskins
   4. Legalists always bothered by others not doing what they do
      a. New wine of gospel can't be put into legalism of these people