

## Real Heart Religion

### Mark 2:18-22

- I. Introduction
  
- II. A Serious Dispute Arises as Jesus is Challenged about Not Fasting. v. 18
  - A. It is the fast day for John's disciples and the Pharisees. 1:14 (Mark 6:29, Jn. 3:25)
  - B. Fasting is useless if not done from the heart. v. 15 (Lev. 16:24, Lk. 18:12, Matt. 6:16-18)
  - C. Fasting benefits us spiritually when done in faith. (Mark 7:6-8, 1 Cor. 9:24-27, Lev. 16:29, Col. 2:20-24, Mark 2:18ff, Acts 13:2-3, Acts 14:23)
  
- III. Jesus Reveals the Eschatological Nature of His Kingdom. vv. 19-20
  - A. No one mourns during a wedding. (Mark 3:6, 8:31, 9:12, 10:45, 12:1ff, Is. 62:5, 2 Cor. 11:12, Hos. 2:2)
  - B. Continuity and discontinuity of the Old and New Covenants. (Heb. 9:25-28, Eph. 2:11-15, Heb. 2:17, Song of S. 4:8-11, Rev. 21:2, Is. 61:10, Rom. 8:9)
  
- IV. The New Covenant is Radically Different than the Old. vv. 21-22
  - A. Has Christ filled the wineskins of your life? (Col. 2:9-10)
  - B. Are you drawn to dead religion or vibrant relationship with Jesus? (2 Cor. 5:17, Rom. 10:3)
  
- V. Conclusion / Application