

Matthew 9:14-17
Fasting

v14 A Question of frustration?

1. Cheer up! The King is Here! v15

Bridegroom = OT reference to God coming!

Is 54:5; 62:4-5; Hosea 2:16

God coming to bring righteousness, love, compassion

Now present amongst them

Mourning, fasting = wrong response!

Time for fasting when Jesus dies

But even that will soon turn to Joy...

For He is now present with us by His Spirit!

Are we delighting in our relationship with Jesus - the King is here?!

2. Cheer up! I am all you need! v16-17

- Not come to patch up worn out judaism
- Nor simply to revise or update Judaism

His mission to call sinners required a whole new system!

YET - Matt 5:17 Not abolish the law and prophets fulfilling them!

- bringing them to completion
- He is a new priest, sacrifice, temple, giving new hearts and the Spirit to dwell in us
- Better by far!
 - The Judaism, (seen in their works) they are clinging to is fulfilled and is now utterly incompatible with what Jesus will do

- Crazy to hold onto the old or try and squeeze what Jesus is doing into the old - because it is radical transformation

For us:

1. We must guard our hearts against trusting religious acts/ works and not Jesus - Jesus is ALL we need!

2. Our lives must reflect the radical transformation He has brought!