

The Expectations of New #10:
The Downside of New

Luke 5:36-39 ³⁶He also told them a parable: “No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and sews it on an old one. If he does, he will tear the new garment as well, and the patch from the new will not match the old. ³⁷And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will spill, and the wineskins will be ruined. ³⁸Instead, new wine is poured into new wineskins. ³⁹And no one after drinking old wine wants new, for he says, ‘The old is better.’” (BSB)

Intro: This has been a series on the fact that our God does new things. Today we will look at this from a totally different perspective.

- I. Here are the details of this passage. Jesus uses two analogies to explain the dynamic between what God has been doing and what He is going to do in the future.
 - A. The first analogy deals with patching an old garment. V. 36
 - B. The old garment represents the good things of the Old Covenant.
 - C. The new garment represents the newness of the New Covenant.
 - D. The warning here is not to destroy the good things of the old by forcing the new on it unnaturally. V. 37
 - E. The second analogy deals with pouring new wine into old wineskins. V. 37
 - F. The old wineskins represent the time-tested truths of the Old Testament. Without law grace is a license for evil.
 - G. There is value in new! V. 38
 - H. There is value in old! V. 39
- II. How can we apply the truth of this passage?
 - A. We should never neglect the Old Testament.
 - B. We should have a soft place in our heart for the Jews and their struggle. We should pray for their salvation.
 - C. There is a balance that we should have between respecting the past but striving to hear what God wants for us today.
 - D. We must learn new songs and new strategies to reach the lost around us.
 - E. We must not destroy the past. We can learn so much from it.