

The Power of the King—Part 8

Matthew 9:9-17

I. The R_____ & C_____ (v. 9)

- a. Matthew humbly introduces himself as a man ***sitting in the tax collector's booth.***
- b. Mark records he was "***the son of Alphaeus***" (Mark 2:14; cf. Matt. 10:3; Mark 3:18; 15:40; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13)
- c. Mark & Luke call him "Levi" (Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27; cf. Matt. 16:18; John 1:42; Acts 4:36)
- d. tax collectors were considered ceremonially unclean, Reprobates/vile sinners, and traitors (cf. Matt. 11:19; 18:17; 21:31-32; Mark 2:14-16; Luke 5:30; 7:25, 29, 34; 15:1; 18:11-13)
- e. ***Matthew = Maththaios (Μαθθαῖος) = "Gift of Yahweh"***
- f. Jesus called Matthew: ***"Follow Me!"***
- g. Matthew Committed: ***he got up and followed Him*** (cf. Luke 5:28; 18:11-14)

II. The R_____ & C_____ (vs. 10-13)

- a. Matthew humbly didn't mention that he had thrown the big reception for Jesus in his home own house, but Mark does (cf. Mark 2:29)
- b. As a new convert, he wanted his friends to know Jesus too
- c. The Pharisees were Critical of Jesus and His guests; judging them to be ***tax collectors*** and ***sinner = hamartōlos (ἁμαρτωλός)*** = sinner, in some contexts, with the implication of being social outcasts" (cf. Matt. 5:47; 9:10; Mark 2:15; Luke 5:30; John 9:16; Rom. 3:7; Gal. 2:15; 1 Tim. 1:15; Heb. 7:26; James 4:8; 1 Peter 4:18; Jude 15)

- d. They did not address Jesus, but instead went after His disciples
- e. Jesus called Himself a spiritual ***physician*** and us spiritually ***sick*** which is at the heart of His Gospel and His Mission (cf. Matt. 19:10; 20:28; Luke 5:32)
- f. He rebuked the Pharisees with a rabbinical phrase for those who don't know what they should know: ***But go and learn what this means***
- g. And then He referred them to Hosea 6:6... ***'I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,'*** (cf. Hosea 5:1-2; 6:6; Ps. 51:16-17; 1 Sam. 15:22; Micah 6:6-8)
- h. ***"God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."*** (James 4:6; cf. Ps. 138:6; Prov. 3:34; Matt. 23:12; 1 Peter 5:5)

III. The R_____ & C_____ (v. 14-17)

- a. These disciples of John were Curious, but they should have been following Jesus instead of focusing on being Religious (John 3:30; cf. John 1:35; John 3:22-36)
- b. God is often referred to as His people's ***bridegroom*** (cf. Hosea 2:19-20; Isa. 25:6; 54:5-6; Matt. 22:1-14; 25:1-13; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:22-33; Rev. 19:7-9; 21:2, 9; 22:17)
- c. It made no sense to fast when Jesus was with them.
- d. These two practical everyday parables of cloth and wineskins are Jesus' way of teaching that His new Kingdom of Grace is just not compatible with the Pharisees works-based false religion!
 - i. That was the sin of the Judaizers (cf. Galatians)
- e. Jesus does NOT want your time, talent, or treasure or your religion; He wants your HEART!