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Observation: What is happening here?:

Symbolism of the Parable

Bridegroom = Christ (*John 3:29; Revelation 19:7*)

Fasting = Mourning (*Joel 2:12; Zechariah 7:5*)

Feasting = Celebration (*Isaiah 25:6; Luke 15:23*)

Wine = Life – New vs Old (*Luke 22:20; Acts 2:13*)

Wineskins = Covenant – New vs Old (*Matthew 9:17; Hebrews 8:13*)

"as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you."
Isaiah 62:5

Parabolic Outline (Luke 7:31-35)

- v 33: Questions about fasting
- v 34-35: The Bridegroom is present, celebrate
- v 36: The new patch does not match the old garment
- v 37-38: New wine bursts the old wineskin
- v 39: Some people still prefer the old wine

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Interpretation: What can we learn (interpret) from this?

- **Jesus' Presence and Promise Calls for Celebration**

- Christ's coming changed the course of history.
- Let us join in the celebration by responding to God's call to salvation, the new covenant and New Life (The New Wine) in Him!
 - *References: Psalm 16:11; John 3:29; Isaiah 62:5*

- **The New Covenant Changes Everything!**

- New Wine belongs in New Wineskin.
- Don't try to fit the new into the old or visa versa!
- God makes us new. We go from darkness to light.
 - *References: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:6-13; 2 Corinthians 3:6*

- **People Sometimes Resist Christ's New Way**

- Sometimes we get comfortable in what seems logical, safe or familiar.
- Let us seek the new life in Christ and the higher things.
 - *References: Numbers 11:4-6; Ecclesiastes 7:10; Mark 7:8-9*

Application: What can I do? How can I live this out?

- **Join in the Celebration of Christ's Presence and Promise**

- Celebrate in the presence of God. Rejoice in today being the day of salvation. Live ready in preparation for His return.
- We are called to respond to salvation and God's plan for our lives!
 - *References: Philippians 4:4; Psalm 100:2; Nehemiah 8:10*

- **Be Open to the Spirit's Leading and Guiding**

- Consider your life; you words and actions. Let the Holy Spirit guide you and move in your life.
- Don't fall into the old or former ways. Move forward in Christ.
 - *References: Isaiah 43:18-19; Romans 12:2; Ezekiel 36:26*

- **Let the New Wine Overflow to Others**

- May you know God, be transformed and be more like Christ.
- May this new wine overflow to others. Be an ambassador for Christ.
 - *References: John 7:38; Matthew 5:16; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20*

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