

Who are the People the Lord Won't Save?

I Matthew 9:9-17

I. Who is Accepted in the Kingdom of God? - v9-13

A. Is the gospel invitation selective or universal?

1. How did the Law of Moses compare with the rest of the world?
2. How were prostitutes viewed by this religion?
3. How did the Lord treat repentant people with a bad reputation? - John 11:1-8 & Luke 7:36-56
4. How did the Lord view people who were different because of their race, nationality or former religion? - Luke 9:51-56

B. Who were Matthew and his friends?

1. What was the big difference between them & the Pharisees? - v10 & Luke 18:9-14
2. What did the Lord say to each? - v9 & 13

C. So - who is accepted in the kingdom of God?

II. What Should Your Attitude Be Then? - v14-17

A. Why fast?

1. The physical reasons: _____.
2. The spiritual/mental reasons:
 - a. Emotionally? - v15
 - b. Volitionally?
 - c. Mentally?
3. When was fasting important in the Bible? - Acts 13:2-3 & 14:23

B. What was the wrong attitude here?

C. Examples of legalism vs. love.

1. The "Defiling my Body" issue - I Corinthians 6:19.
 - a. The legalistic attitude.
 - b. The love attitude.
2. The "Getting to Heaven" issue.
 - a. The legalistic attitude.
 - b. The love attitude.

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