New Wineskins and Harvesting New Wine

Grape Harvesting for New Wine

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Questioned by John’s disciples, Jesus answers, “Don’t limit me to what John did. Expect me to do a new thing while preserving the old thing but requiring new structure.

The greatest symbol for fruitfulness is the “Vine.” Therefore, Jesus uses it:

John 15:1-2 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

Pruning is to produce strong branches and greater fruit. Old branches have no value and, so, are burned. God’s purpose in this is New Growth, Greater strength, and More fruit in the next Harvest season – but the pruning is Now.

Symbols of Blessings are wheat, new wine, and oil.

Jer. 31:12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, Streaming to the goodness of the LORD— For wheat and new wine and oil,...

Psa. 104:15 And wine that makes glad the heart of man, Oil to make his face shine, And bread {wheat} which strengthens man’s heart.

Blessing is always God’s will. However, there are focused seasons for each crop. We are in a time of grape harvesting for the production of new wine. The first step is the stomping: yeast for fermentation only grows on the outside and juice only on the inside; stomping mixes the two for new wine.

Break the flesh and release the inner life = death of a Vision: Abraham waited 25 years for Isaac who, at 23, was offered on an altar; David was hunted for 7 years…; Moses spent 40 years in the desert; Jesus had Gethsemane {winepress} before His Resurrection.

It is grape harvesting season – a time to guard the Vineyard. A Little leaven... S of S. 2:15 Catch us the foxes, The little foxes that spoil the vines, For our vines have tender grapes.

Isa. 5:2 He dug it up and cleared out its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, And also made a winepress in it; So He expected it to bring forth good grapes, But it brought forth wild grapes.

Be aware, there is danger in the wine, itself. It will not only gladden the heart but it has the potential to unbalance vision and walk.

Isa. 28:7 But they also have erred through wine, And through intoxicating drink are out of the way; The priest and the prophet have erred through intoxicating drink, They are swallowed up by wine, They are out of the way through intoxicating drink; They err in vision, they stumble in judgment.
This is what they thought at Pentecost. Isaiah 28 continued at v. 11, “...with stammering lips and another tongue will I speak to this people again.”

**Acts 2:13-16** Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.” But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

Guard the Vineyard and put God first in the harvest

**Prov. 3:9-10** Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

Do not neglect today’s emphasis by Holy Spirit on worship and intimacy

**John 2:1-11** On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”

His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.”

Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, “Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.” And they took it. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!”

This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

1. The Lord changes water into wine even in pots of clay…and of religious ritualism. Let Jesus deal with your religious spirit
2. Ask the Lord to replace any “Whine” you have with new wine. God is breaking off barrenness from His people for fruitfulness
3. The wedding supper is at hand. The first sign will be the last sign. Jesus is nigh—to change water into wine.

The new wine will need new wineskins. The word “new” is translated from the Greek word “kainos” or “neos.” Neos indicates new in respect of time, recent, as in a new husband due to a recent marriage. (Brand new)

Kainos indicates new in form or quality as opposed to new in time; of a different nature from the old as in a new husband who has gotten an epiphany and changed his ways; fresh. (Renewed)

**Matthew 9:17** Nor do they put new {Neos = recent} wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new {Neos = recent} wine into new {Kainos = refreshed} wineskins, and both are preserved.”
Matthew 26:29 29But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new {Kainos = new in quality} with you in My Father’s kingdom."

Luke 5:37-38 37And no one puts new {Neos = new in time} wine into old wineskins; or else the new {Neos} wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. 38But new {Neos} wine must be put into new {Kainos = new in quality} wineskins, and both are preserved.

Note: the Kingdom is not only neos (recent), but kainos (different in form and quality) than the wine of the world (e.g., Eph 5:18 "do not be drunk with wine…but be filled with the Spirit).

Revelation 21:5 5Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new {Kainos = new in quality}.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

The present progressive verb indicates constant upgrades in form or quality. Today, God needs refreshed containers for His new (recent) wine. The old container was based on the individual and established a consumer mentality and a Hollywood mentality with superstars and spectators; this has to go.

An historic example of a new wineskin would be Israel under Joshua – a time of unity and external display of glory.

Judges 2:7 7So the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

Judges 2:10 10When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel.

Judges was a time of individuality, marked by societal and leadership weaknesses and failings.

Judges 2:13 13They forsook the LORD and served Baal and the Ashtoreths.

Judges 2:16 16Nevertheless, the LORD raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them.

Judges 2:18-19 18And when the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them. 19And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way.

Today is a defining moment: God is confronting the passionless Christianity at the end of the last century (2nd Day) and calling for builders with an apostolic mindset (3rd Day)! Awake to it!

Genesis 28:16-17 16Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” 17And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!”

Abraham pitched his tent between Ai and Bethel (Heap of Stones / House of God). What container will we choose? (Gary North’s humility at Futures Conference)

• Individualism or One new man
• How much we know or how much we do
• Cosmetic members or those who add true value
• Doing for people or equipping them to do for themselves
• Maintaining people or Maturing them
• Carry the burden of the people or the burden of the Lord
• Pursue past practice or “this present truth”
• Make consumers or producers
• Lead for getting fat or putting on muscle
• Target organizational growth or kingdom advance
• Meet felt needs or true needs

*2 Corinthians 5:17* 17 Therefore, if anyone *is in Christ*, *he is* a new *{Kainos = renewed in quality}* creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. *{Kainos = renewed in quality}*  

*Galatians 6:15* 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new *{Kainos = of a different nature}* creation.

*Romans 6:4* 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness *{Kainotes = of a new nature}* of life.

Third Day People, Arise: commit to the New Day and embrace the New Way. Commit to being renewed by the rubbing in of oil, a Kainos wineskin.

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