

Luke 5:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.

Analysis

Days will come when bridegroom shall be taken away then shall they fast. Days hēmerai future time. Will come eleusontai inevitable. Bridegroom nymphios Christ. Taken away aparthē forcibly removed. Then tote at that time. Fast nēsteusousin abstain. Predicts His death departure. Bride groom removed is death metaphor. Disciples will mourn fast after crucifixion. Until resurrection they fasted mourned. Between ascension and return church fasts longing for return. Already not yet kingdom tension. Christ has come but not yet returned. Church lives in interim between advents. Reformed theology emphasizes inaugurated eschatology. Kingdom already here not yet consummated.

Historical Context

Jesus predicts death even at beginning ministry. Disciples did not understand. After crucifixion they mourned. Between crucifixion resurrection they fasted in sorrow. After ascension early church fasted not in sorrow but in longing for return. Maranatha Come Lord Jesus. Fasting became spiritual discipline seeking God anticipating return. Not meritorious but means of grace. Modern church varies widely in fasting practice. Some neglect entirely others make legalistic. Biblical balance sees fasting as voluntary discipline expressing longing for God earnest seeking not earning favor.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does prediction of bridegroom being taken away point to Christ death and disciples future mourning?
2. What does already not yet tension between Christ first and second coming mean for church practice of fasting?

Interlinear Text

ἐλεύσονται	δὲ	ἡμέραις	καὶ	ὅταν	ἀπαρθῇ	ἀπ'
will come	But	days	G2532	when	shall be taken away	from
G2064	G1161	G2250		G3752	G522	G575

αὐτῶν	ὁ	νυμφίος	τότε	νηστεύσουσιν	ἐν	ἐκείναις
them	G3588	the bridegroom	and then	shall they fast	in	those
G846		G3566	G5119	G3522	G1722	G1565

ταῖς	ἡμέραις
G3588	days
	G2250

Additional Cross-References

Luke 17:22 (Parallel theme): And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.