

## ~WINESKINS (58)

[Greek, *a-skos'*]

- The Greek word *a-skos'* designates a bag or bottle made of a whole animal skin. Jesus Christ said; Neither do people put new wine into old wineskins, skin bags, **INT**, but if they do, then the wineskins burst and the wine spills out and the wineskins are ruined. But people put new wine into new wineskins, and both things are preserved.
- Neither do people put new wine into old **wineskins**, but if they do, then the **wineskins** burst and the wine spills out and the **wineskins** are ruined. But people put new wine into new **wineskins**, and both things are preserved. (**Matthew 9:17**)
- Also, nobody puts new wine into old **wineskins**, if he does, the wine bursts the skins, and the wine is lost as well as the skins. But people put new wine into new **wineskins**. (**Mark 2:22**)
- Moreover, no one puts new wine into old **wineskins**, but if he does, then the new wine will burst the **wineskins**, and it will be spilled out and the **wineskins** will be ruined. (**Luke 5:37**)
- But new wine must be put into new **wineskins**. (**Luke 5:38**)
- As new wine ferments, it generates carbon dioxide gas that exerts pressure on the skin bottles. New skins expand, old, inflexible ones burst under the pressure.
- This illustration was part of Jesus answer as to why his disciples did not conform to all the old customs and practices of the Pharisees. Jesus evidently implied that the truth of Christianity was too powerful and energetic to be retained by the old system of Judaism, which lacked vitality and elasticity and which was fast passing away.
- Then John's disciples came to him and asked; Why is it that we and the Pharisees practice fasting but your disciples do not fast? (**Matthew 9:14**)
- At this Jesus said to them; The friends of the bridegroom have no reason to mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, do they? But days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. (**Matthew 9:15**)

- **Nobody sews a patch of unshrunk cloth upon an old outer garment, for its full strength would pull from the outer garment and the tear would become worse. ([Matthew 9:16](#))**
- **For a general discussion of skin bottles and their uses,**

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