

THE KING'S UNIVERSITY
COURSE 4: TRADITIONAL HYPOCRISIES (Matthew 15:1-9)
September 7, 2025

THE SITUATION:

¹"Then some Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem..." Matthew 15:1 (BSB)

- JESUS' MINISTRY HAD GAINED SIGNIFICANT _____.
- THESE MEN HAD COME TO _____ AND _____ JESUS.

¹"Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, ²and they saw some of His disciples eating with hands that were defiled—that is, unwashed." Mark 7:1-2 (BSB)

¹"...and asked, ²"Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They do not wash their hands before they eat." Matthew 15:1-2 (BSB)

- THEIR _____ FOR JUDGING CHRIST AND HIS DISCIPLES WAS A _____-MADE _____.

¹⁷ "And the LORD said to Moses, ¹⁸ 'You are to make a bronze basin with a bronze stand for washing. Set it between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and put water in it, ¹⁹with which Aaron and his sons are to wash their hands and feet. ²⁰Whenever they enter the Tent of Meeting or approach the altar to minister by presenting a food offering to the LORD, they must wash with water so that they will not die.... ²¹ this shall be a permanent statute for Aaron and his descendants for the generations to come.'" Exodus 30:17-21 (BSB)

³ "Now in holding to the tradition of the elders, the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat until they wash their hands ceremonially. ⁴ And on returning from the market, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions for them to observe, including the washing of cups, pitchers, kettles, and couches for dining." Mark 7:3-4 (BSB)

LESSONS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH RELIGIOUS HYPOCRITES:

³"Jesus replied, 'And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?'" Matthew 15:3 (BSB)

- LESSON #1: REMEMBER THAT ALL _____ DISPUTES ARE _____ DISPUTES.
 - THE WORD OF GOD IS THE _____.
 - DON'T _____ THE AUTHORITY ON WHICH YOU _____.
- LESSON #2: _____ ISN'T THE PROBLEM, _____ IT IS.

○ THE SCRIBES/PHARISEES HAD _____

_____ TO GOD'S WORD WITH

_____ OF MAN-MADE STANDARDS

○ THE SCRIBES/PHARISEES _____

_____ THE APOSTLES BASED ON MAN-MADE
TRADITIONS.

⁴"For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.'" Matthew 15:4 (BSB)

⁵"But you say that if anyone says to his father or mother, 'Whatever you would have received from me is a gift devoted to God,' ⁶he need not honor his father or mother with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition." Matthew 15:5-6 (BSB)

⁷You hypocrites!" Matthew 15:7 (BSB)

- **LESSON #3: HYPOCRISY INVOLVES...**

○ TRYING TO _____ TO GOD WHILE

_____ GOD.

⁷"You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied correctly about you: ⁸These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me." Matthew 15:7-8 (BSB)

⁹"They worship Me in vain..." Matthew 15:9 (BSB)

- **LESSON #4: HYPOCRISY NULLIFIES THE _____, _____ AND**

_____ OF OUR WORSHIP.

⁹"...they teach as doctrine the precepts of men." Matthew 15:9 (BSB)

BOTTOM LINE:

_____ THE WORD OF GOD WITH A

_____ OF _____.

NEXT STEPS

- **GNG WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**
 - Saturday, September 20th, from 8:30am – 3:30pm.
- **SOUTHERN OHIO PREGNANCY CENTER WALK FOR LIFE**
 - Saturday, September 13th, 9am, starting/ending at SOPC.
- **RESCUE WEEKEND – Hillsboro Community Service**
 - Sunday, September 14th at 6pm, Hillsboro Nazarene Church
- **CONNECT CARD**
 - 1st and 2nd time guests fill out and return to the GET Connected Hub for a free gift!