

DNA: See Below to the Heart of the Matter

Sunday, June 9, 2024 - Pastor Aaron Martell

See below the surface _____.

Christ discovered _____.

See below

Matthew 15:1-2- *Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, ²“Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!”*

Observations

“From their (Pharisees) perspective Jesus was completely out of control because he disregarded their rules and crossed their boundaries.”
Theologian David Garland

Matthew 15:3-9- ³Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ ⁵But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is ‘devoted to God,’ ⁶they are not to ‘honor their father or mother’ with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. ⁷You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: ⁸“‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁹They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’”

Matthew 5:10-11- ¹⁰Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. ¹¹What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

Matthew 15:12- *Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”*

Matthew 15:13-20- ¹³He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. ¹⁴Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.” ¹⁶“Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. ¹⁷“Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? ¹⁸But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

“The heart I am speaking of is that mysterious, wonderful, confusing part of you that enables you to love, laugh, fear, and experience life. It is the sphere in which relationship happens. And it is the sphere in which relationships are broken....The heart seeps into every conversation. It dictates every relationship. Our very lives emanate from the heart. We live, parent, lead, relate, romance, confront, react, respond, instruct, manage, problem solve, and love from the heart. Every arena of life intersects with what’s going on in our hearts.”

It Came From Within by Andy Stanley



Jeremiah 17:9-10 (MSG)- *“The heart is hopelessly dark and deceitful, a puzzle that no one can figure out. But I, God, search the heart and examine the mind. I get to the heart of the human. I get to the root of things. I treat them as they really are, not as they pretend to be.”*

Mark 7:20-23 (MSG)- *Jesus went on: “It’s what comes out of a person that pollutes: obscenities, lusts, thefts, murders, adulteries, greed, depravity, deceptive dealings, carousing, mean looks, slander, arrogance, foolishness—all these are vomit from the heart. There is the source of your pollution.”*

Romans 3:23-26 (MSG)- *Since we’ve compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we’re in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ. God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin. Having faith in him sets us in the clear. God decided on this course of action in full view of the public—to set the world in the clear with himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the sins he had so patiently endured. This is not only clear, but it’s now—this is current history! God sets things right. He also makes it possible for us to live in his rightness.*

What does it mean to live out of a fully loved and fully known heart?

Proverbs 4:23- *“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”*

"Our life and how we find the world now and in the future is, almost totally, a simple result of what we have become in the depths of our being From there we see our world and interpret reality. From there we make our choices, break forth into action, try to change our world. We live from our depths We live from our heart."
Dallas Willard

Have the courage to name what is real within your untended, hard, impure, troubled heart.

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Titus 3:4-7 (MSG)- *It wasn’t so long ago that we ourselves were stupid and stubborn, easy marks for sin, ordered every which way by our glands, going around with a chip on our shoulder, hated and hating back. But when God, our kind and loving Savior God, stepped in, he saved us from all that. It was all his doing; we had nothing to do with it. He gave us a good bath, and we came out of it new people, washed inside and out by the Holy Spirit. Our Savior Jesus poured out new life so generously. God’s gift has restored our relationship with him and given us back our lives. And there’s more life to come—an eternity of life! You can count on this.*