



Jesus' Teaching on the Human Heart

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Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.)

MARK 7:1-8 (ESV)

And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

MARK 7:1-8 (ESV)

And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)— then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

MARK 7:9-13 (ESV)

And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.)

MARK 7:14-23 (ESV)

And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

MARK 7:14-23 (ESV)

STRUCTURE OF 6:7-8:26

Healings – Feeding the multitude – Eventful lake crossing – Healings

Controversy about hand washing

Healings – Feeding the multitude – Eventful lake crossing – Healings

1st Answer:

**You are rejecting the commandments of God
and holding to the tradition of man.**

“This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”

MARK 7:6



*“THE LAW HAS BECOME SEPARATED FROM
GOD AND HAS BECOME MAN’S REAL
AUTHORITY. IT NO LONGER LEADS TO A
MEETING WITH GOD, BUT RATHER
FRUSTRATES IT. CORRESPONDINGLY MAN
HAS RETREATED BEHIND HIS DEEDS AND
ACHIEVEMENTS-AS WELL AS BEHIND HIS
GUILT. GOD IS CONCEALED BEHIND HIS LAW,
AND MAN BEHIND HIS ACHIEVEMENTS AND
WORKS.”*

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“All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17



2nd Answer:

**Things inside a person defile him,
not things outside of him.**

“In these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”

HEBREWS 10:3-4



*“THE REQUIREMENT OF CULTIC PURITY
POSSESSED AN INNER VALUE AND
JUSTIFICATION AS A SYMBOL POINTING
BEYOND ITSELF TO GOD’S DEMAND FOR
SPIRITUAL AND MORAL PURITY.”*

WILLIAM LANE

VICE LIST:

Evil thoughts

Sexual immorality

Theft

Murder

Adultery

Coveting

Wickedness

Deceit

Sensuality

Envy

Slander

Pride

Foolishness

“All these things come out from within, and they defile a person.”

MARK 7:23



Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law, no human being will be justified before God, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

ROMANS 3:19-20

