

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship –2-7-24
Matthew Chapter 15 Part 2
Jesus heals many and answers a tough question.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) As we wrapped up chapter 14 last week, we were challenged to find some un-named men who **“had knowledge”** of Jesus and that knowledge compelled them to send word out through the country and brought many to Jesus who were diseased.
- 2) These men were convinced of who Jesus was and of His power and authority.
- 3) The scribes and Pharisees walked roughly 75 miles to ask Jesus a question.
 - a) Verse 2 - **“Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders?”**
- 4) The Talmud – considered to be the oral law.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Jesus answered them with a question.

2. Jesus responds with a question of His own: Matthew 15:3

a. What do you see as different about Jesus’ question?

- 1) Verse 3 – Both asked why the other was disobeying but –
- 2) Jesus was direct here –

b. Jesus asked about a real commandment from God: Matthew 15:4

- 1) Verse 4 –
- 2) To **“honour thy father and mother”** –
- 3) But, **“he that curseth father and mother”** –
- 4) What are these Pharisees in danger of?

c. Jesus continues to shed light here for them: Matthew 15:5

- 1) Verse 5 –
 - a) Jesus quotes them –
 - 2) **“it is a gift”**, or **“corban”** – This thing is dedicated to the service of God and therefore it cannot be used for something else.
 - a) Who does “them” refer to?
 - 3) Verse 6 – **“he shall be free”** – free from what?
 - 4) Could it be that they are withholding something that could help their parents?
 - 5) Question – what is the responsibility of children toward their parents?
 - 6) Part of bringing up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord would include –
 - 7) How long does this principle last?
 - 8) What does the Bible say about the responsibility of the child to their parents?

3. Where does Paul say the responsibility falls for the father and mother? I Timothy 5:1-16

a. As believers, this is something we must teach and model to our kids:

- 1) Verse 1-2 – an exhortation to respect those who are older.

- a) Notice the parallel Paul makes in how to treat the “elder”.
 - b. Who does God hold responsible here:
 - 1) Verse 3 – What is Paul’s point?
 - 2) Verse 4 – It is their children or grandchildren.
 - a) Show “piety” –
 - b) “requite their parents” –
 - 3) Verse 5-6 – Paul makes a distinction concerning widows.
 - 4) Verse 7 – What is the charge that he is speaking of?
 - 5) Verse 8 - Amplified – “If anyone fails to provide for his relatives, and especially for those of his own family, he has disowned the faith [by failing to accompany it with fruits] and is worse than an unbeliever [who performs his obligation in these matters]”
 - c. There are several points to be made here:
 - 1) For the Church –
 - 2) “widows indeed” – Verse 5-6 –
 - 3) You see who God looks to first –
 - 4) We see how God describes one who claims to be a believer but does not honor their father and mother.
 - d. Let’s go back to Matthew 15:
 - 1) Hopefully we understand a little better what Jesus is saying to them.
 - 2) Are there any other applications?
4. Tonight’s Take Away:
- a. Consider this question in light of what we have studied tonight.