

What Makes Man Unclean?

Mark 7:1-23

Key Verse: 15

1. What criticism did the Pharisees bring to Jesus? (1-2) What kind of traditions did they practice? (3-4) Why? Think about the value and danger of religious tradition?
2. What accusation did they make to Jesus? (5) what spiritual problem of the Pharisees did Jesus reveal? How did Jesus expose their real problem? How does Jesus' quote of Isaiah 29:13 teach us about true worship? (6b-7)
3. What other problem did they have? (8-13) how did they dodge their responsibilities? What example did he point out to them? What commands of God did they nullify? Why would they do that? What tradition do we use to nullify God's word?
4. According to Jesus, what makes men unclean? (14-23, Jer 17:9) What is in your heart? How can man be clean? (He 9:14, 1Pe 1:18,19)