

Mark 7:1, 5-6, 8, 15, 21-23 (NASB)

¹ The Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered around Him when they had come from Jerusalem,

⁵ The Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with impure hands?" ⁶ And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

⁸ Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men."

¹⁵ there is nothing outside the man which can defile him if it goes into him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man.

²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, ²² deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. ²³ All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."

SERMON NOTES

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THE PROBLEM WITH RELIGION

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Anti-religious age

Jesus had warnings of His own.

- Hypocrisy (v.6)
- Hearing (v. 13)
Invalidate (*akurao*) – to deny Lordship or authority
"Christ's concept of religion is that of direct observance of the soul to the laws of God." --C. Campbell Morgan
- Heart (v. 21)
Luke 18 – two men go to pray

"Can a man be born, again." (Nicodemus)

"Mr. Clean"