



# SUNDAY CLASS

2/15/09

## Key Verses: Matthew 15: 10-20

### Matthew 15:10 (New International Version)

*10 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand.*

### Matthew 15:11 (New International Version)

*11 What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean,' but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.' "*

### Matthew 15:18 (New International Version)

*18 But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.'*

### Mark 7:15 (New International Version)

*15 Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.' <sup>[a]</sup>*

### Acts 21:28 (New International Version)

*28 shouting, "Men of Israel, help us! This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against our people and our law and this place. And besides, he has brought Greeks into the temple area and defiled this holy place."*

### Hebrews 9:13 (New International Version)

*13 The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean.*

"He was now beginning to teach his followers to call nothing common or unclean; and if Peter, when he was bid to kill and eat, had remembered this word, he would not have said, Not so, Lord, Acts 10:13-15, 28."

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### Acts 10:13-15 (New International Version)

13Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

14"Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."

15The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

### Acts 10:28 (New International Version)

28He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean."

### 1 Timothy 4:3 (New International Version)

3They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth.



## Matthew 15:12 (New International Version)

*12* Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?"

"But Christ had a regard to the multitude; he soon dispatched the scribes and Pharisees, and then turned them off, invited the mob, the multitude, to be his hearers: thus the poor are evangelized; and the foolish things of the world, and things that are despised hath Christ chosen.

The humble Jesus embraced those whom the proud Pharisees looked upon with disdain, and to them he designed it for a mortification. He turns from them as willful and unteachable, and turns to the multitude, who, though weak, were humble, and willing to be taught.

To them he said, Hear and understand.

\*\*\*Note, What we hear from the mouth of Christ, we must give all diligence to understand.

\*\*\*Note, There is need of a great attention of mind and clearness of understanding to free men from those corrupt principles and practices which they have been bred up in and long accustomed to; for in that case the understanding is commonly bribed and biased by prejudice."

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## Matthew 15:13 (New International Version)

*13* He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots.

"The rooting out of them and their traditions (v. 13); Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Not only the corrupt opinions and superstitious practices of the Pharisees, but their sect, and way, and constitution, were plants not of God's planting.

The rules of their profession were no institutions of his, but owed their origin to pride and formality. The people of the Jews were planted a noble vine; but now that they are become the degenerate plant of a strange vine, God disowned them, as not of his planting.

\*\*\*Note, (1.) In the visible church, it is no strange thing to find plants that our heavenly Father has not planted. It is implied, that whatever is good in the church is of God's planting, Isa. 41:19. But let the husbandman be ever so careful, his ground will cast forth weeds of itself, more or less, and there is an enemy busy sowing tares. What is corrupt, though of God's permitting, is not of his planting; he sows nothing but good seed in his field. Let us not therefore be deceived, as if all must needs be right that we find in the church, and all those persons and things our Father's plants that we find in our Father's garden. Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits; see Jer. 19:5; 23:31, 32.

(2.) Those that are of the spirit of the Pharisees, proud, formal, and imposing, what figure soever they make, and of what denomination soever they be, God will not own them as of his planting. By their fruit you shall know them.

(3.) Those plants that are not of God's planting, shall not be of his protecting, but shall undoubtedly be rooted up. What is not of God shall not stand, Acts 5:38. What things are unscriptural, will wither and die of themselves, or be justly exploded by the churches; however in the great day these tares that offend will be bundled for the fire. What is become of the Pharisees and their traditions? They are long since abandoned; but the gospel of truth is great, and will remain. It cannot be rooted up."

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### Isaiah 60:21 (New International Version)

*21 Then will all your people be righteous  
and they will possess the land forever.  
They are the shoot I have planted,  
the work of my hands,  
for the display of my splendor.*

### Isaiah 61:3 (New International Version)

*3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion—  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness  
instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the LORD  
for the display of his splendor.*

### John 15:2 (New International Version)

*2He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes<sup>[a]</sup> so that it will be even more fruitful.*

### 1 Corinthians 3:9 (New International Version)

*9For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.*

### Matthew 15:14 (New International Version)

*14Leave them; they are blind guides.<sup>[a]</sup> If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit."*

“Christ bids his disciples let them alone. "Have no converse with them or concern for them; neither court their favor, nor dread their displeasure; care not though they be offended, they will take their course, and let them take the issue of it. They are wedded to their own fancies, and will have every thing their own way; let them alone. Seek not to please a generation of men that please not God (1 Th. 2:15), and will be pleased with nothing less than absolute dominion over your consciences. They are joined to idols, as Ephraim (Hos. 4:17), the idols of their own fancy; let them alone, let them be filthy still,” Rev. 22:11. The case of those sinners is sad indeed, whom Christ orders his ministers to let alone.”

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### Malachi 2:8 (New International Version)

*8 But you have turned from the way and by your teaching have caused many to stumble; you have violated the covenant with Levi," says the LORD Almighty.*

### Matthew 23:16 (New International Version)

*16 "Woe to you, blind guides! You say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.'*

### Matthew 23:24 (New International Version)

*24 You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.*

### Luke 6:39 (New International Version)

*39 He also told them this parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?"*

### Matthew 15:15 (New International Version)

*15 Peter said, "Explain the parable to us."*

### Matthew 13:36 (New International Version)

#### *The Parable of the Weeds Explained*

*36 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."*

### Mark 7:17 (New International Version)

*17*After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable.

\*\*\*Note, Christ expects from us some proportion of knowledge, and grace, and wisdom, according to the time and means we have had."

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### Matthew 15:16 (New International Version)

*16*"Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them.

"That they were the disciples of Christ; "Are ye also without understanding? Ye whom I have admitted into so great a degree of familiarity with me, are ye so unskillful in the word of righteousness?"

\*\*\*Note, The ignorance and mistakes of those that profess religion, and enjoy the privileges of church-membership, are justly a grief to the Lord Jesus.

"No wonder that the Pharisees understand not this doctrine, who know nothing of the Messiah's kingdom: but ye that have heard of it, and embraced it yourselves, and preached it to others, are ye also such strangers to the spirit and genius of it?"

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### Matthew 15:17 (New International Version)

*17*"Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body?"

### Matthew 15:18 (New International Version)

*18*But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.'

### Matthew 12:34 (New International Version)

*34*You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.

### James 3:6 (New International Version)

*6*The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

### Matthew 15:19 (New International Version)

*19For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.*

### Ephesians 4:31 (New International Version)

*31Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.*

### Colossians 3:8 (New International Version)

*8But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.*

### 1 Timothy 6:4 (New International Version)

*4he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions*

### Exodus 20:13-16 (New International Version)

*13 "You shall not murder. "You shall not commit adultery. "You shall not steal. "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.*

### Galatians 5:19-21 (New International Version)

*19The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

### James 2:4 (New International Version)

*4have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?*

“\*\*\*Note, Some of the corrupt streams which flow from this fountain, specified; though they do not all come out of the mouth, yet they all come out of the man, and are the fruits of that wickedness which is in the heart, and is wrought there, Ps. 58:2.

First, Evil thoughts, sins against all the commandments. Therefore David puts vain thoughts in opposition to the whole law, Ps. 119:113. These are the first-born of the corrupt nature, the beginning of its strength, and do most resemble it. These, as the son and heir, abide in the house, and lodge within us. There is a great deal of sin that begins and ends in the heart, and goes no further. Carnal fancies and imaginations are evil thoughts, wickedness in the contrivance (dialogismoi poneroi), wicked plots, purposes, and devices of mischief to others, Mic. 2:1.

Secondly, Murders, sins against the sixth commandment; these come from a malice in the heart against our brother's life, or a contempt of it. Hence he that hates his brother, is said to be a murderer; he is so at God's bar,

1 Jn. 3:15. War is in the heart, Ps. 4:21; James 4:1

Thirdly, Adulteries and fornications, sins against the seventh commandment; these come from the wanton, unclean, carnal heart; and the lust that reigns there, is conceived there, and brings forth these sins, James 1:15. There is adultery in the heart first, and then in the act, ch. 5:28.

Fourthly, Thefts, sins against the eighth commandment; cheats, wrongs, rapines, and all injurious contracts; the fountain of all these is in the heart, that is it that is exercised in these covetous practices (2 Pt. 2:14), that is set upon riches, Ps. 62:10. Achan coveted, and then took, Joshua 7:20, 21.

Fifthly, False witness, against the ninth commandment; this comes from a complication of falsehood and covetousness, or falsehood and covetousness, or falsehood and malice in the heart.

Sixthly, Blasphemies, speaking evil of God, against the third commandment; speaking evil of our neighbor, against the ninth commandment; these come from a contempt and disesteem of both in the heart; thence the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost proceeds (ch. 12:31, 32); these are the overflowing of the gall within.

If truth, holiness, and love, which God requires in the inward parts, reigned as they ought, there would be no false witness bearing, Ps. 64:6: Jer. 9:8.”

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### *Matthew 15:20 (New International Version)*

*20* These are what make a man 'unclean'; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him 'unclean.' "

### *Matthew 11:18 (New International Version)*

*18* For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'

### *Mark 7:2 (New International Version)*

*2* saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were "unclean," that is, unwashed.

### *Mark 7:5 (New International Version)*

*5* So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?"

### *1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (New International Version)*

*9Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.*

### *Matthew 23:25-26 (New International Version)*

*25"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.*



*IS YOUR CUP CLEAN INSIDE AND OUT?*

### *Galatians 6:7-8 (New International Version)*

*7Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature<sup>[a]</sup> will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.*