

**TODAY'S
SCRIPTURE
FOCUS:
MATTHEW
15:1-20**

**"MATTERS
OF THE
HEART"**

SERMONIC POINTS:

**#1: HOW
#2: HARD
#3: HEART**

**SERMONIC
POINT #1:
HOW
*(Tradition)***

"Then the scribes and
Pharisee...from Jerusalem
came to JESUS, saying,
"Why do YOUR disciples
transgress the tradition
of the elders?"
Matthew 15:1-2

"But HE answered...them,
"Why do you also
transgress the
commandment of GOD
because of your
tradition?"
Matthew 15:3

"...THUS you have made the commandment of GOD of no effect by your tradition.' "

"Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you" *Matthew 15:6-7*

DEFINITION of "TRADITION:"

LATIN => "tradere"

PREFIX => "trans"='over'

SUFFIX => "dare"='to give'

DEFINITION #1:

"transmittal of elements of a culture from one generation to another, esp. by oral communication."

DEFINITION #2:

"A mode of thought or behavior, customs of usages passed from one generation to another..."

DEFINITION #2:

"...and viewed as a coherent body of precedents influencing the present."
(heritage)

DEFINITION #3:

"A body of unwritten religious practices."

DEFINITION #4:

“A time-honored practice or set of such practices.”

**SERMONIC
POINT #2:
HARD**

“These people draw near to ME with their mouth, and honor ME with their lips, but their heart is far from ME.”

Matthew 15:8

“And in vain they worship ME, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men”

Matthew 15:9

“Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.”

Matthew 15:11

“Then HIS disciples came and said to HIM, ‘Do YOU know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?’ ”

Matthew 15:12

“But HE answered and said, ‘Every plant which MY heavenly FATHER has not planted will be uprooted.’ ”

Matthew 15:13

“Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”

Matthew 15:14

**SERMONIC
POINT #3:
HEART**

“These people draw near to ME with their mouth, and honor ME with their lips, but their *heart* is far from ME.”

Matthew 15:8

“Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated?”

Matthew 15:17

“But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the *heart*, and they defile a man.”

Matthew 15:18

“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.”

Matthew 15:19

“These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”

Matthew 15:20

“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it springs the issues of life.”

Proverbs 4:23

“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”

Proverbs 23:7