

IT HAD TO BE SAID

WHAT DEFILES A PERSON?

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Mark 7:1-23 | Jon Delger

Main Idea:

IT'S NOT ABOUT WHAT GOES IN, BUT WHAT COMES OUT

Outline

1. The Source of Contamination
 - I. The Pharisees Answer: from outside (vv1-5)
 - II. Jesus' Answer: from inside (vv14-23)
2. The Solution to Contamination
 - I. The Pharisees Answer: rules upon rules (vv9-13)
 - II. Jesus' Answer: a new heart (vv6-8)

PRE-QUESTIONS

1. What about this message challenged you? What about this message encouraged you?
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QUESTIONS

1. Jesus teaches that what defiles a person comes from within, not external factors (Mark 7:14-23). How does this teaching challenge the common perceptions of holiness and purity in today's society?
2. 2. Read Mark 7:1-13 and compare it with Isaiah 29:13 and Colossians 2:8. How do these passages collectively address the issue of placing human traditions above God's commandments? Discuss specific examples where modern Christian practices might fall into this same trap and how we can return to a more biblical focus.
3. 3. In Mark 7:14-23, Jesus emphasizes the importance of inner purity over external rituals. Reflect on Proverbs 4:23 and Jeremiah 17:9-10 with Jesus' teaching. How do these passages help us understand the condition of the human heart and God's desire for our inner transformation? Share practical ways these insights can guide our spiritual growth and community life.

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4. In Mark 7:1-13, Jesus criticizes the Pharisees and scribes for valuing human traditions over God's commandments. How can we identify and correct areas in our own lives where human traditions might overshadow God's Word? How can we ensure our practices align with biblical teachings?