

Matthew 15:1-20

“Two Distinct Visions of Man”

I. Overview of the subsection

A Defilement of the hands vv. 1-2

B Answer to the Pharisees vv. 3-9

C Parabolic explanation of defilement vv. 10-14

B¹ Answer to Peter vv. 15-19

A¹ Defilement of the heart v. 20

II. Address to the Pharisees (defiled hands) vv. 1-9

The Pharisees' proposition – defiled hands are against the Law
Cf. Ex 30:17-21; 40:30-32; Lev 22:4-7

Jesus' accusation – defiled hearts (“hypocrites”)

The Korban rule contradicted the Law Ex 20:12, 21:17

“But you say . . .” v. 5 (pitting the Law against itself)

Quote from Is 29:13 LXX (and *see* v. 14)

Your rules set aside God's Law.

Your “wisdom” shall perish.

III. Address to the Disciples (defiled hearts) vv. 15-20

Words express the thought of the heart, revealing defilement v. 18

Wicked actions reveal a wicked heart (far from God) vv. 19-20

IV. Parabolic Explanation vv. 10-14 (“hear and understand” vv. 10; 15)

To the crowds: dirt on the hands is not defilement; wicked words are.

To the disciples: do not follow those who corrupt the Law