

What Is

Faith ?

Matthew 15:1-20

Characteristics of Faith

A. Faith Should Endure In The End (14:1-12)

1. If you keep practicing faith
2. If it is based on truth

B. Faith Meets Your Need (14:13-21)

1. In the desert place
2. When human resources are not enough
3. If we obey Christ's commands
4. It will satisfy all
5. There is plenty left after use

Characteristics of Faith

C. Faith Takes You Beyond (14:22-33)

1. When you are struggling
2. To see God when you are not expecting Him
3. To do the unimaginable
4. If you are not distracted
5. To realize who God really is

D. Faith Could Be So Much More (14:34-36)

1. Than just acknowledging God
2. Than just meeting physical needs

I. Faith is Not Keeping Traditions (15:1-9)

A. Making something out of nothing

Washing hands before eating

Matthew 15:1-2

1 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,

2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

Where did this “law” come from?

The Mishna

What is the Mishna?

An authoritative collection of exegetical material embodying the oral tradition of Jewish law and forming the first part of the Talmud

What is the Talmud?

The body of Jewish civil and ceremonial law and legend comprising the Mishnah and the Gemara. There are two versions of the Talmud: the Babylonian Talmud (which dates from the 5th century BC but includes earlier material) and the earlier Palestinian or Jerusalem Talmud.

Repetitive Study Required

The Mishna (Repeated Study)

6 Orders and 63 Tractates

1. Zeraim (Seeds) 11 Tractates
2. Moed (Festivals) 12 Tractates
3. Nashim (Women) 7 Tractates
4. Nezikim (Damages) 10 Tractates
5. Kodashim (Holy Things) 11 Tractates
6. Tohorot (Purifications) 12 Tractates

tractate = treatise

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1/1 Baba Metzia 3:3-4

1/2 Baba Metzia 3:5-6

1/3 Baba Metzia 3:7-8

1/4 Baba Metzia 3:9-10

1/5 Baba Metzia 3:11-12

1/6 Baba Metzia 4:1-2

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1/27 Baba Metzia 8:1-2

1/28 Baba Metzia 8:3-4

1/29 Baba Metzia 8:5-6

1/30 Baba Metzia 8:7-8

1/31 Baba Metzia 8:9-9:1

The Law About Washing

Leviticus 22:6-7

6 The soul which hath touched any such shall be unclean until even, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he wash his flesh with water.

7 And when the sun is down, he shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things; because it is his food.

I. Faith is Not Keeping Traditions (15:1-9)

B. The answer from God's perspective (15:3-9)

1. Tradition that replaces truth is sin (v 3)

Matthew 15:3

But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

God's Law About Honoring Parents

Exodus 20:12

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Exodus 21:17

And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

Deuteronomy 5:6

Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

God's Word About Honoring Parents

1 Timothy 5:3-4

3 Honour widows that are widows indeed.

4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

I. Faith is Not Keeping Traditions (15:1-9)

B. The answer from God's perspective (15:3-9) – cont'd

2. An example given - How to honor your parents

Matthew 15:4-6

4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

6 And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

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a. God's way - Based on the Word of God (Christ)

b. Man's way - Based on pride (self)

**c. The result of man's way - God's law changed
(in man's mind)**

I. Faith is Not Keeping Traditions (15:1-9)

B. The answer from God's perspective (15:3-9) – cont'd

3. The consequences of following self (vv 7-9)

a. Self-righteous hypocrisy (v 7)

Matthew 15:7

Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,

b. God proven correct and man wanting (vv 8-9)

Matthew 15:8-9

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. (Isaiah 29:13)

9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

II. False Faith is Revealed by Words (Matthew 15:10-20)

A. Defilement is a spiritual condition revealed by wrong words (15:10-11)

Matthew 15:10-11

10 And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

Matthew 12:34

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

II. False Faith is Revealed by Words (Matthew 15:10-20)

B. Spiritual truth offends the spiritually corrupt (15:12)

Matthew 15:12

Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

II. False Faith is Revealed by Words (Matthew 15:10-20)

C. Spiritual corruption is not tolerated by God (15:13)

Matthew 15:13

But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

Plant = System

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D. Spiritual corruption makes one blind to spiritual truth (15:14)

Matthew 15:14

Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Matthew 13:13

Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

II. False Faith is Revealed by Words (Matthew 15:10-20)

**E. Spiritual principles must be spiritually discerned
(15:15-16)**

Matthew 15:15-16

15 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable.

16 And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?

II. False Faith is Revealed by Words (Matthew 15:10-20)

F. Spirituality is not a function of physical processes but of the heart (15:17-18)

Matthew 15:17-18

17 Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

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G. You can be "righteous" on the outside but "defiled" on the inside (15:19-20)

Matthew 15:19-20

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

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H. We can forget these principles

Acts 10:11-15

11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending upon him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

**Are Your Hands
And Heart
"Clean" Before
God?**

**A "Dirty" Heart
Will Lead To
"Dirty" Hands**

