

MORNING SERMON NOTES – May 3, 2015
“Purification and Defilement” (Matthew 15:15-20)

Introduction:

I. What were these Old Testament purification rituals?

- A. **PREPARATORY** (1) Worship, *Num. 19:13; 1Sam. 16:5b* (2) Feasts,
Num. 9:10-11 (3) Service, *1Chr. 15:11-12* (4) God, *Ex. 19:10*.
- B. **SPIRITUAL** (1) Law, *Lev. 20:7f* (2) Prophets, *Ezk. 37:23* (3) Psalms, *15; 24:3f; 119:9f* (4) Historical, *2Chr. 30:17f* (5) Gospels, *Mk. 1:1f, Jn. 3:25*
- C. **TEMPORARY** Outward Form, *Heb. 9:9-10, 13-14; 2Tim. 1:3*
- D. **PERPETUAL** Inward Essence: (1) Worship, *2Cor. 6:17f; Heb. 10:22* (2)
Prayer, *1Tim. 2:8; Jm. 4:8* (3) Lord’s Supper, *Ezk. 44:6-9; 1Cor. 11:28-29*.

II. How had the Pharisees distorted these rituals?

- A. They _____ them. *Mt. 23:25-28*
- B. They _____ to them. *Mk. 7:3-4*
- C. They _____ in them. *v. 2*

III. How did these distortions impact the Pharisees?

- A. They became desensitized to _____ defilement. *vv. 18-20*
1. _____ (evil words/thoughts, murders) *Mt. 5:22-23*
 2. _____ Sin (adulteries, fornication) *Mt. 5:28-30*
 3. _____ (thefts) *Mt. 5:37*

4. **Sacrilege (blasphemies)** *Mt. 6:9 (Mal. 1:6-9)*

B. Their _____ became _____ before God. *v. 20; Isa. 1:10f*

IV. How then must we prepare to approach the Lord’s Table?

- A. _____ your ways! *Hag. 1:7; Ps. 19:12; 139:23-24*
- B. _____ your _____! *Isa. 6:5; Lk. 18:13; 1Jn. 1:9*
- C. Consecrate _____! *2Cor. 7:1*
- D. Come with _____! *Ps. 51:7; Rom. 6:14*