

REBUKING THE PHARISEES FOR EMPTY WORSHIP
(Matthew 14:34 - 15:9)

- I. The King Is a COMPASSIONATE HEALER (Matt. 14:34-36)
 - A. He TOOK them to GENNESARET (14:34; cf. John 6:21)
 - 1. A FERTILE PLAIN between Capernaum and Magdala
 - 2. A SPARSELY INHABITED region
 - B. He was RECOGNIZED by the “MEN of that place” (14:35a)
 - C. They GATHERED the SICK from throughout the district (14:35b)
 - D. They sought PERMISSION to touch His CLOAK (14:36a; cf. 9:20)
 - E. He CURED EVERYONE who touched it (14:36b)
 - 1. Stresses the BROAD EXTENT of His public ministry
 - 2. Reveals the UNIVERSAL ACCESS to His ministry
 - 3. Demonstrates His POWER over UNCLEANNES

- II. The King Is a CONDEMNING JUDGE (Matt. 15:1-9)
 - A. He was CONFRONTED by OPPOSITION (Matt. 15:1-2)
 - 1. Questioned by “some Pharisees and scribes” from JERUSALEM

2. Asked why His DISCIPLES transgressed TRADITIONS
 3. Accused them of not WASHING their HANDS before EATING
- B. He CONDEMNED them for their HYPOCRISY (Matt. 15:3-9)
1. Asked why THEY transgressed GOD'S command for the sake of THEIR tradition (15:3)
 2. Accused them of DISHONORING their PARENTS (15:4-7a)
 - a. Cited the LAW (Ex. 20:12; 21:17)
 - b. Cited their TRADITION
 - c. Showed the INTENTIONAL CONTRADICTION
 - d. Called them HYPOCRITES
 3. Said they FULFILLED Isaiah's PROPHECY (15:7b-9; cf. Isa. 29:13)
 - a. Denounced their SUPERFICIAL worship
 - b. Implied their BLASPHEMY