

God is not concerned about our traditions. He is concerned about our hearts.

I. Perception

- The Pharisees question the disciples' conduct.
- The Pharisees added to the Law. The idea was that since you were always in God's presence you must be clean.

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• What made the Pharisees so upset? Vs. 5 tells us that they were upset because the disciples were not following the tradition of the elders.

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- Jesus is not concerned by "mere" attempts to be Holy. God is always concerned with the heart.
- The Pharisees were sidestepping God's Law to follow their tradition and that was sin.

II. Reality

- Jesus gave a clear answer to the question of the Pharisees found in vs. 5
- The answer to what defiles us is not what is on the outside. What defiles us is the heart and what comes out of it.

What Now?

- Tradition is not bad. But never replace God's Word with tradition.
- God sets the standard for purity, nobody else.
- Live your life as fitting and pleasing unto the Lord, not according to Religious practice.