



I. Perception

- 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.