

JESUS CHRIST
JEHOVAH'S KING
MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM

1. JESUS REBUKES THE PHARISEES AND TEACHERS

A. MATTHEW 15:1-39 THEN SOME PHARISEES AND TEACHERS OF THE LAW CAME TO JESUS FROM JERUSALEM AND ASKED, [2] "WHY DO YOUR DISCIPLES BREAK THE TRADITION OF THE ELDERS? THEY DON'T WASH THEIR HANDS BEFORE THEY EAT!" [3] JESUS REPLIED, "AND WHY DO YOU BREAK THE COMMAND OF GOD FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR TRADITION? [4] FOR GOD SAID, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER' AND 'ANYONE WHO CURSES HIS FATHER OR MOTHER MUST BE PUT TO DEATH.' [5] BUT YOU SAY THAT IF A MAN SAYS TO HIS FATHER OR MOTHER, 'WHATEVER HELP YOU MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE RECEIVED FROM ME IS A GIFT DEVOTED TO GOD,' [6] HE IS NOT TO 'HONOR HIS FATHER' WITH IT. THUS YOU NULLIFY THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR TRADITION. [7] YOU HYPOCRITES! ISAIAH WAS RIGHT WHEN HE PROPHESED ABOUT YOU: 8] " 'THESE PEOPLE HONOR ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEARTS ARE FAR FROM ME. [9] THEY WORSHIP ME IN VAIN; THEIR TEACHINGS ARE BUT RULES TAUGHT BY MEN.'"

I. WHAT IS BEING SAID HERE?

(1) THE LAW OF GOD!

(A) EXODUS 20:12 HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER: THAT THY DAYS MAY BE LONG UPON THE LAND WHICH THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE.

(2) OR THE TRADITIONS OF MAN

(A) DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN WHAT GOD HAD INSTRUCTED.

II. WHAT IS THE REQUIREMENT THAT GOD WANTS FROM THE PEOPLE?

(1) MARK 12:33 TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ALL BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES."

(A) HOW CAN THIS HAPPEN?

(I) GALATIANS 5:22 BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,

(II) 2 THESSALONIANS. 3:5 MAY THE LORD DIRECT YOUR HEARTS INTO GOD'S LOVE AND CHRIST'S PERSEVERANCE.

III. IF WE DO NOT DO THIS, WHAT DOES JESUS SAY IS THE RESULT?

(1) THEY WORSHIP ME IN VAIN; THEIR TEACHINGS ARE BUT RULES TAUGHT BY MEN."

(A) SO WHAT IS IT THAT GOD WANTS?

(I) Ephesians. 3:19 and to know this love [THE LOVE OF CHRIST] that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

2. TRUE SOURCE OF DEFILEMENT

A. MATTHEW 15:[10] JESUS CALLED THE CROWD TO HIM AND SAID, "LISTEN AND UNDERSTAND. [11] WHAT GOES INTO A MAN'S MOUTH DOES NOT MAKE HIM 'UNCLEAN,' BUT WHAT COMES OUT OF HIS MOUTH, THAT IS WHAT MAKES HIM 'UNCLEAN.'" [12] THEN THE DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM AND ASKED, "DO YOU KNOW THAT THE PHARISEES WERE OFFENDED WHEN THEY HEARD THIS?" [13] HE REPLIED, "EVERY PLANT THAT MY HEAVENLY FATHER HAS NOT PLANTED WILL BE PULLED UP BY THE ROOTS. [14] LEAVE THEM; THEY ARE BLIND GUIDES. IF A BLIND MAN LEADS A BLIND MAN, BOTH WILL FALL INTO A PIT." [15] PETER SAID, "EXPLAIN THE PARABLE TO US." [16] "ARE YOU STILL SO DULL?" JESUS ASKED THEM. [17] "DON'T YOU SEE THAT WHATEVER ENTERS THE MOUTH GOES INTO THE STOMACH AND THEN OUT OF THE BODY? [18] BUT THE THINGS THAT COME

OUT OF THE MOUTH COME FROM THE HEART, AND THESE MAKE A MAN 'UNCLEAN.' [19] FOR OUT OF THE HEART COME EVIL THOUGHTS, MURDER, ADULTERY, SEXUAL IMMORALITY, THEFT, FALSE TESTIMONY, SLANDER. [20] THESE ARE WHAT MAKE A MAN 'UNCLEAN'; BUT EATING WITH UNWASHED HANDS DOES NOT MAKE HIM 'UNCLEAN.' "

I. NOT WHAT YOU EAT!

II. BUT WHAT IS IN THE HEART.

III. WHAT IS IN THE HEART PURPOSES RESULTS. THIS PORTION OF SCRIPTURE IS ABOUT NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(1) Mark 7:14 Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.

(2) Galatians 5:19-21 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; [20] idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions [21] and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit **the kingdom of God**.

3. THE KINGDOM IS FOR ALL.

A. MATTHEW 15:[21] LEAVING THAT PLACE, JESUS WITHDREW TO THE REGION OF TYRE AND SIDON. [22] A CANAANITE WOMAN FROM THAT VICINITY CAME TO HIM, CRYING OUT, "LORD, SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON ME! MY DAUGHTER IS SUFFERING TERRIBLY FROM DEMON-POSSESSION." [23] JESUS DID NOT ANSWER A WORD. SO HIS DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM AND URGED HIM, "SEND HER AWAY, FOR SHE KEEPS CRYING OUT AFTER US." [24] HE ANSWERED, "I WAS SENT ONLY TO THE LOST SHEEP OF ISRAEL." [25] THE WOMAN CAME AND KNELT BEFORE HIM. "LORD, HELP ME!" SHE SAID. [26] HE REPLIED, "IT IS NOT RIGHT TO TAKE THE CHILDREN'S BREAD AND TOSS IT TO THEIR DOGS." [27] "YES, LORD," SHE SAID, "BUT EVEN THE DOGS EAT THE CRUMBS THAT FALL FROM THEIR MASTERS' TABLE." [28] THEN JESUS ANSWERED, "WOMAN, YOU HAVE GREAT FAITH! YOUR REQUEST IS GRANTED." AND HER DAUGHTER WAS HEALED FROM THAT VERY HOUR.

I. WHAT WE SEE AND HEAR HERE IS GODS' FIRST PLAN THAT WAS TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE FOLLOW UP.

(1) Matthew 21:43 "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

(2) John 10:16 have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

(3) Acts 15:13-18 When they finished, James spoke up: "Brothers, listen to me. [14] Simon has described to us how God at first showed his concern by taking from the Gentiles a people for himself. [15] The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written: [16] " 'After this I will return and rebuild David's fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it, [17] that the remnant of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things' [18] that have been known for ages.

(4) Romans 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the **power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes**: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 9:24-33 even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles? [25] As he says in Hosea: "I will call them 'my people' who are not my people; and I will call her 'my loved one' who is not my loved one," [26] and, "It will happen that in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'sons of the living God.'" [27] . . . That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; [31] but Israel, who pursued a law of righteousness, has not attained it. [32] Why

not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the "stumbling stone." [33] As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

- (5) Ephesians. 3:1-11 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- . [6] This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. . . . [10] His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, [11] according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- II. WHAT DID THIS WOMAN DO TO RECEIVE FROM THE LORD?
 - (1) THE WOMAN CAME AND KNELT BEFORE HIM. "LORD, HELP ME!" SHE SAID.
- III. WHAT DID JESUS DO?
- IV. WHAT WAS THE REPLY OF THE WOMAN?
 - (1) YES, LORD," SHE SAID, "BUT EVEN THE DOGS EAT THE CRUMBS THAT FALL FROM THEIR MASTERS' TABLE
- V. WHAT DID JESUS SAY?
 - (1) THEN JESUS ANSWERED, "WOMAN, YOU HAVE GREAT FAITH! YOUR REQUEST IS GRANTED." AND HER DAUGHTER WAS HEALED FROM THAT VERY HOUR.
 - (A) REVIEW:
 - (I) SHE KNEW JESUS COULD HEAL!
 - (II) EVEN THOUGH OTHERS TOLD HER "NO" AND AT FIRST IT WOULD SEEM THAT JESUS WAS SAYING "NO".
 - (III) WHAT DID SHE DO?
 - (IV) KNOCK
 - 1) How?
4. CLEAR PICTURE OF GOD BEING PRAISED
 - A. MATTHEW 15:[29] JESUS LEFT THERE AND WENT ALONG THE SEA OF GALILEE. THEN HE WENT UP ON A MOUNTAIN SIDE AND SAT DOWN. [30] GREAT CROWDS CAME TO HIM, BRINGING THE LAME, THE BLIND, THE CRIPPLED, THE MUTE AND MANY OTHERS, AND LAID THEM AT HIS FEET; AND HE HEALED THEM. [31] THE PEOPLE WERE AMAZED WHEN THEY SAW THE MUTE SPEAKING, THE CRIPPLED MADE WELL, THE LAME WALKING AND THE BLIND SEEING. AND THEY PRAISED THE GOD OF ISRAEL.
 - I. WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?
 - (1) JESUS DOING WHAT HE WAS SENT TO DO!
 - (A) TEACH, PREACH, HEAL, SET FREE
 - (2) WHO GETS THE PRAISE.
 - (A) IS JESUS CAREFUL THAT THIS IS THE CASE?
5. WHAT IS LEARNED?
 - A. MATTHEW 15:32[32] JESUS CALLED HIS DISCIPLES TO HIM AND SAID, "I HAVE COMPASSION FOR THESE PEOPLE; THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN WITH ME THREE DAYS AND HAVE NOTHING TO EAT. I DO NOT WANT TO SEND THEM AWAY HUNGRY, OR THEY MAY COLLAPSE ON THE WAY." [33] HIS DISCIPLES ANSWERED, "WHERE COULD WE GET ENOUGH BREAD IN THIS REMOTE PLACE TO FEED SUCH A CROWD?" [34] "HOW MANY LOAVES DO YOU HAVE?" JESUS ASKED. "SEVEN," THEY REPLIED, "AND A FEW SMALL FISH." [35] HE TOLD THE CROWD TO SIT DOWN ON THE GROUND. [36] THEN HE TOOK THE SEVEN LOAVES AND THE FISH, AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE BROKE THEM AND GAVE THEM TO THE DISCIPLES, AND

THEY IN TURN TO THE PEOPLE. [37] THEY ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED. AFTERWARD THE DISCIPLES PICKED UP SEVEN BASKETFULS OF BROKEN PIECES THAT WERE LEFT OVER. [38] THE NUMBER OF THOSE WHO ATE WAS FOUR THOUSAND, BESIDES WOMEN AND CHILDREN. [39] AFTER JESUS HAD SENT THE CROWD AWAY, HE GOT INTO THE BOAT AND WENT TO THE VICINITY OF MAGADAN.

I. WHO STARTS THIS COMMENTARY?

(1) WHAT DOES HE SAY?

(A) THREE DAYS

(I) THREE COMPLETE

(II) DAYS = TIME

1) SO WE HAVE = THREE GREAT DIVISIONS THAT COMPLETES ALL TIME - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

2) Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

(2) WHAT DOES JESUS NOW SAY?

(A) I HAVE COMPASSION?

(I) COMPASSION ON WHO?

1) THE PREVIOUS TEXT, ALL MAN KIND.

2) NOW THOSE IN THE PAST AND THOSE PRESENT AND THOSE IN THE FUTURE.

(3) WHO DOES HE TURN TO, TO TAKE CARE OF THE ISSUE?

(A) I DO NOT WANT TO SEND THEM AWAY HUNGRY, OR THEY MAY COLLAPSE ON THE WAY."

(4) WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF HIS FOLLOWERS?

(A) "WHERE COULD WE GET ENOUGH BREAD IN THIS REMOTE PLACE TO FEED SUCH A CROWD?

(5) WHAT DOES JESUS ASK THEM?

(A) "HOW MANY LOAVES DO YOU HAVE?

(I) HAVE WE HEARD THIS BEFORE?

(6) WHAT DID THEY HAVE?

(A) "SEVEN," THEY REPLIED, "AND A FEW SMALL FISH."

II. WHAT DO THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS HAVE IN THEIR HANDS?

(1) SEVEN = SPIRITUAL PERFECTION!

(A) GIFTS OF GOD!

1) 1 Cor. 12:9-13 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, [10] to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. [11] All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. [12] The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. [13] For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.