

CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS?

Series: *Myth Busters*

– Mark 7:1-23 –

1. God Taught His People to _____.

2. The Jews Were More Concerned with _____

of the _____ than with the _____

of their _____.

A. The conviction of the Jews:

Cleanliness IS godliness!

B. The correction of Jesus:

“Listen to Me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a man can make him unclean by going into him. Rather it is what comes out of a man that makes him unclean.

C. The creed of false religion:

Appearance and performance is better than knowing God.

3. We Have a _____ that Can't Be _____

with Soap and Water.

4. Jesus Can _____ You from the _____

A. His _____ can _____ you clean.

B. His _____ can _____ you clean.

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
2. How might our churches today be guilty of what Jesus condemns in verse 13?
3. With your mind on what Jesus says in vss. 20-23, look together at Jer. 17:9. To what degree would you say Jesus here is teaching the same message found in this Old Testament passage?
4. Think about vss. 17-23, then discuss how much you agree or disagree with this statement: God is just as concerned with the “internals” of our lives as He is with the “externals” — He cares as much about what we are thinking as He does about what we are doing.
5. In Hebrews 9 the author used OT analogies to explain the meaning of Christ's death to religious Jews. What analogies might clarify this with non-religious people today?
6. From what you see in Ps. 51, discuss together how you would complete this sentence: *What God really wants from me is...*