

## Matthew Lesson 15 a

### The Gospel According to Matthew -- Chapter 15:1-20

**Historical background** – In Chapter 14 Jesus feed 5,000 men and more with bread and fish. Then Jesus walked on water, helped Peter and then he healed many people.

#### **Vocabulary**

- tradition of the elders
- curses
- devoted to God
- nullify
- hypocrites
- “in vain”
- defiles
- offended
- “blind guides”
- slander

### **Questions about Chapter 15**

1. What did the Pharisees object to? (v. 1 – 2)
2. What command did the Pharisees break? How did they break it? (v. 3 – 4, 5)
3. Why did the Pharisees break the command? (v. 3, 6, 8b, 9)
4. What did the Pharisees think defiles a person? (v. 18 – 20)
5. Peter asked Jesus to explain the parable. Jesus replied. What defiles a person, according to God’s Word? (v. 11, 18 – 20)
6. How can a defiled person be made clean in God’s sight?  
(1 (1 Corinthians 6:9 – 11 -- pg. 1691)