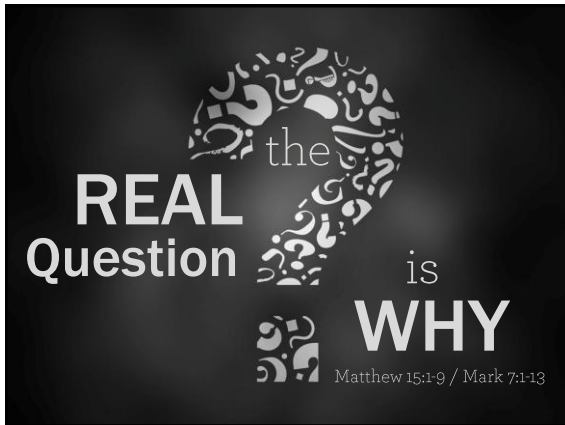




Matthew 15:8-9

‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me. ⁹ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ”


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1) Matthew 15:1-9

A. What Is The Context of v.7-9?


- These 3 verses are not The Point, but rather a result of The Point!
- Why is the “Heart Far Away From Me”?



2) Why Was the “Heart Far Away From Me”?

A. Things to Understand:


- 1) The Pharisees were highly respected.
- 2) This sect began out of a desire to hold to the law.
- 3) “The tradition of the elders” was considered sacred and binding.



2) Why Was the “Heart Far Away From Me”?

B. The Context: (Mark 7:1-5)

- 1) The oral law required a ceremonial hand washing before eating.
- 2) Many ceremonial commands were made to make the Jews “stand out.”



2) Why Was the “Heart Far Away From Me”?

C. The Answer: (Mark 7:10-12)

1) Not Because:

- They had a ceremonial process.
- They had an exact order to formal worship.



2) Why Was the “Heart Far Away From Me”?

C. The Answer: (Mark 7:10-12)

2) Because:

- Their “traditions” of men had become equal with Scripture.
- “*Their Heart Is Far Away From Me*” is the result of a heart that does not keep His commandments.



3) Results of A “Heart Far Away From Me”?

A. God Sees Us As:

- Hypocrites (Mt. 15:7; Mk. 7:6)
- Vainly worshipping (Mt. 15:9; Mk. 7:7)
- Neglecting His commands (Mk. 7:8)
- Setting aside His commands (Mk. 7:9)
- Invalidating His Commands (Mt. 15:6; Mk. 7:13)
- A soul in danger

