**Matthew 15**

1. **What defiles a man? (verses 1-20)**
   1. The traditions of men
      1. Focused on the external
      2. Became equal to or greater than God’s Word
   2. Jesus provides an example of how these traditions usurp the Word of God.
   3. These Pharisees and scribes were hypocrites
      1. Vain worship
      2. Jesus quotes from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 29:13)
   4. Jesus addresses the multitude concerning defilement.
   5. The Pharisees were offended.
   6. Jesus instructs the disciples to “Let them alone”
      1. They were the blind leading the blind
      2. Jesus explains this parable to His disciples
2. **Jesus provides a demonstration of the attitudes displayed by the scribes & Pharisees (verses 21-28).**
   1. Jesus departs from this area and comes into Gentile lands.
   2. He demonstrates the attitude of the religious leaders
      1. Gentile woman crying for mercy (for her daughter)
      2. “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” v. 24
      3. The woman’s faith is rewarded
3. **Jesus demonstrates the Will of God and teaches His disciples a valuable lesson (verses 29-39).** 
   1. Jesus has compassion on and heals many gentiles.
   2. He feeds the multitudes (of Gentiles)
   3. Jesus reinforced to His disciples the need to minister to **all** people **(the Gospel is for all).**