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MORNING READING

- Psalm 119:65-72 King James Version
- 65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant,
- O LORD, according unto thy word.
- 66 Teach me good judgment and
- knowledge: for I have believed thy
- commandments.
- 67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.
- 68 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

- 69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.
- 70 Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law.
- 71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.
- 72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

MAIN READING

MATTHEW 15: 1-20

- 1 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,
- 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.
- 3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

- 4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.
- 5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; 6 And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

- 7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,
- 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.
- 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.
- 10 And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

- 11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.
- 12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?
- 13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

- 14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.15 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable.
- **16** And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?
- 17 Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?

- 18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.
- 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:
- 20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

Matthew 15: 3

3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

Job 42:5-6

- 5 My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You.
- 6 Therefore I retract my words, and I repent in dust and ashes."

Philippian 2: 9-11

- 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
- 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 15: 5-6

- 5 But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, 'Sorry, I can't help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.'
- 6 In this way, you say they don't need to honor their parents. [c] And so you cancel the word of God for the sake of your own tradition.

Matthew 15: 7-9

- 7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote,
 8 These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.
- 9 Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.

Matthew 15:12-14 (NLT)

12 Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you realize you offended the Pharisees by what you just said?" 13 Jesus replied, "Every plant not planted by my heavenly Father will be uprooted, 14 so ignore them. They are blind guides leading the blind, and if one blind person guides another, they will both fall into a ditch."

Matthew 15:15-20 (NLT)

- 15 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Explain to us the parable that says people aren't defiled by what they eat."
- 16 "Don't you understand yet?" Jesus asked. 17 Anything you eat passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer. 18 But the words you speak come from the heart that's what defiles you.

19 For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander. 20 These are what defile you. Eating with unwashed hands will never defile you."

ROMANS 12:2

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God

ROMANS 12:12-18

- 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;
- 13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.
- 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble.

17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.
18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

MATTHEW 23:27-28 (NIV)

27 Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. 28 In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

MATTHEW 10:16

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves. Be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

