

## **Clean And Unclean**

Matthew 15:1-20

### **A Main accusation by the Pharisees:**

"why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders?" (v 2).

Question: What is "the tradition of the elders"?

Torah - oldest parts of the OT

Mishnah- rabbinic interpretations of Torah, "second law".

Gemara- further commentary on Mishnah

Talmud- final body of rabbinic teachings

### **B. Jesus' threefold rebuttal**

1 What about you? (verses 3-6)

2 Do you know what's in your heart? (verses 7-9)

3 What makes you so sure you are clean? (verses 10-20).

### **C. Concluding Applications**