

Hear now: [Matthew 15:10-20 NIV](#)

<sup>10-11</sup> Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

<sup>12</sup> Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”

<sup>13-14</sup> He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

<sup>15</sup> Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.”

<sup>16</sup> “Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. <sup>17-20</sup> “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

HEAR Paul in [Romans 11: verses 1-6 and verses 29-32 from the NIV](#)

<sup>11:1</sup>I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don’t you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: <sup>3</sup>“Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me”? <sup>4</sup>And what was God’s answer to him? “I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Ba-al.” <sup>5</sup>So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. <sup>6</sup>And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

<sup>29</sup> ...for God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God’s mercy to you. <sup>32</sup>For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.