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"THE HEART OF THE MATTER"

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MATTHEW 15:1-11

PREMISE: Sincere worship begins in the heart not on the lips.

1) The outward appearance of worship does not equal sincere worship (vv. 1-8).

INSIGHT: We worship in vain when we go through the motions of worship while oblivious to the truth of who He is and what He has done for us.

2) True worship stems from the heart not from a set of rules (v. 9).

INSIGHT: God wants our vulnerability not our ingenuity to find a spiritual loophole.

3) Jesus came to change hearts not hand washing techniques (vv. 10-11, 20).

INSIGHT: Jesus is not saying that people are not defiled before God. He is saying that the heart is what needs to be changed rather than behavior modification.

RESPONSE POINTS:

- Memorize John 4:24 during this series: *God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*
- Do a spiritual heart check this week.