

# Here is Our King!

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Ritual Busters  
**Matthew 15:1-20**

## Matthew 15: 1-6

### The Washing of Hands ...

They came from Jerusalem ...

What's the issue here?

- Ceremonial washing
  - o Not an issue of \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Not just \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Oral law = Traditions
  - o Serious religious offense

Jesus counters with a question –

- Why do you break the Law for the Oral law?
  - o \_\_\_\_\_ – the gift that hurts
  - o We must not use “Religion” to suit \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Who is hurt here?

## Matthew 15:7-20

### The Difference Between Legalism and Discipline

Discipline's intent is to \_\_\_\_\_ to God ...

Legalism's intent is to \_\_\_\_\_ of closeness to God, but creates relational distance with God.

Discipline develops holiness \_\_\_\_\_.

Legalism promotes \_\_\_\_\_ holiness without the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ change.

Discipline develops godly \_\_\_\_\_.

Legalism leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

### Implications of Jesus' Statement:

- Ceremonial hand washings no longer hold the same weight.
- \_\_\_\_\_ are no longer necessary. (**Mark 7:19**)
- Jesus is concerned with the Spiritually Unclean here – matters that affect the \_\_\_\_\_.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Legalism in Contrast to Spiritual Transformation

**October Memory Verse -- James 1:2-3 (HCS)** Consider it a great joy, my brothers, whenever you experience various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.