



GOOD AND GRACIOUS KING



# **CLEAN HANDS, UNCLEAN HEARTS**

MARK 7:1-23



**The Pharisees went out and immediately held  
counsel with the Herodians against him, how  
to destroy him.**

MARK 3:6



**Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash)...**

MARK 7:1-5



**...And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches. And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"**

MARK 7:1-5



**And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,**

**'This people honors me with their lips,**

**but their heart is far from me;**

**in vain do they worship me,**

**teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'**

**You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."**

MARK 7:6-8



**And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him."**

MARK 7:14-15



**And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean)...**

MARK 7:17-23



**...And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."**

MARK 7:17-23



**Jesus tells them they are not defiled  
by what goes into their mouth but  
by what comes out of their heart.**