

# נְטִילַת יָדַיִם Washing Hands

(Ritual Purity) vs Commandments of God

## Mark 7

Mark 7:5-9 7:14-23 (NASB)

**5**And the Pharisees and the scribes \*asked Him, “Why do Your disciples **not walk in accordance with the tradition of the elders**, but eat their bread with unholy hands?” **6**But He said to them, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy about you **hypocrites**, as **it is written**:

‘THIS PEOPLE **HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS**,  
BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

**7**‘AND IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME,  
TEACHING AS **DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN**.’ **8**Neglecting **the commandment of God**, you hold to the tradition of men.”

**9**He was also saying to them, “**You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition.**”

**14**After He called the crowd to Him again, He *began* saying to them, “Listen to Me, all of you, and understand: **15**there is nothing outside the person which can defile him if it goes into him; but the things which come out of the person are what defile the person.”

**17**And when He *later* entered a house, away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him about the parable. **18**And He \*said to them, “Are you so lacking in understanding as well? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the person from outside cannot defile him, **19**because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?”

NOTE: many translations say: *Thereby He declared all foods clean.* However, the Greek states *purging all meats.*

**20**And He was saying, “That which comes out of the person, that is what defiles the person. **21**For from within, out of the hearts of people, come the evil thoughts, acts of sexual immorality, thefts, murders, acts of adultery, **22**deeds of greed, wickedness, deceit, indecent behavior, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. **23**All these evil things come from within and defile the person.”

### 3 Key Points to Always Remember

#### 1. *‘YHVH never changes; He does not change’*

Mal 3:6

James 1:17

Heb 13:8

#### 2. *‘He cannot lie’*

Heb 6:18

Num 23:19

#### 3. *‘Do not add or subtract from His Word’*

Deut 4:2

Deut 12:32-13:4

Rev 22:18,19