



BEHOLD THE KING

MATTHEW

“Tradition means giving a vote to the most obscure of all classes, our ancestors. It is the democracy of the dead.”

G.K. Chesterton

“Tradition refuses to submit to the small and arrogant oligarchy of those who merely happen to be walking about.”

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* We can't see what matters because we are
so focused on what doesn't!

“In a world deluged by irrelevant information,
clarity is power.”

Yuval Noah Harari

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“And he called the people to him and said to them, ‘Hear and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person,

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“but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.”

“Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” (2)

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placating your **critics** (12-14)

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“Then the disciples came and said to him,
‘Do you know that the Pharisees were
offended when they heard this saying?’” (12)

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worshiping with words, not hearts - hypocrites (7-9)

“He answered, ‘Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. Let them alone; they are blind guides.’

“And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.” (13-14)

Two images:

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“**Leave** both to grow together”

“Astonish yourselves and be astonished;
blind yourselves and be blind!”

Isaiah 29:9a

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“‘Explain the parable to us.’ And he said, ‘Are you also still without understanding?’” (15b-16)

“Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled?” (17)

“But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person.

“For out of the heart come evil thoughts,
murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft,
false witness, slander.

“These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.” (18-20)

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* It's all about the **heart**!

Theology of the Heart

1. Your heart is **who you really are.**

heart = the real you

your control center

Your heart is like a **tree** and a **treasure chest**.
(Matthew 12:33-37)

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“For where your treasure is, there your heart
will be also.”

Matthew 6:21

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(Proverbs 4:23)

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“Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.”

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“Also, he has put eternity into man’s heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.” (Ecc. 3:11)

“You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you.”

Augustine

“The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?”

Jeremiah 17:9

“Transgression speaks to the wicked deep
in his heart; there is no fear of God before
his eyes.”

Psalm 36:1

3. Your heart is **transplanted** when you **repent** and **believe**.

“because, if you confess with your mouth
that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead,

“you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

Romans 10:9-10

“And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them.

“I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them.

“And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.”

Ezekiel 11:19-20

4. Your heart, as a believer, continues to grow as a **holy dwelling place**.

“And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’

“So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.”

Galatians 4:6-7

“God’s love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given
to us.”

Romans 5:5b

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

“that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

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dwell = settle down,

from guest or sojourner to belonging

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“Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

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so we **encourage** one another **daily**.

“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

Hebrews 3:12-13

“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

“Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”

James 4:8-10

“A pastor really needs to be broken before God every day, or he will break up the church of God with his willfulness or let it slip into spiritual death through his sloth.”

Jack Miller

“The performative church organizes itself around its own survival and well-being rather than the worship of God and the formation of his people.

“The life of the church is explainable without God. By making the church the main character of the story,

“God himself is inadvertently pushed out of the church and the lives of its congregants. God has left the building, and no one has realized it yet.”

Ian Harber