

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* "Focusing on the Messiah in the book of Matthew." Matthew was a Jewish man writing to a Jewish audience and giving testimony regarding the life and ministry of the Messiah who had been foretold by many of the Jewish prophets.
- \* The core of Jesus' message and ministry was the theme of repentance: that the people needed to change the way they were thinking.
- \* This concept is seen in the instructional phase of the Messiah's ministry ... both doctrinally and practically.
- \* In today's passage, two accounts are juxtaposed by Matthew displaying different mindsets while revealing the truth which Jesus had previously revealed: "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks,"

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE H \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE PHARISEES (v. 1-20)****A. The A \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pharisees (cf. Mark 7:1-5)**

- \* cf. LXX ... Exod 32:8; Num 5:12,19,20,29; 14:41; 22:18; 27:14

**B. The A \_\_\_\_\_ of the Messiah**

## 1. HE REVEALED THE H \_\_\_\_\_ OF THEIR ACCUSATION (v. 3-9)

- a. His Accusation (v. 3)
- b. His Illustration (v. 4-6)
  - \* THE LAW (cf. Ex 20:12; Dty 5:16 ... Ex 21:17; Lev 20:5):
  - \* THE SCRIBES:
  - \* THE APPLICATION:
- c. His Condemnation (v. 7-9)

## 2. HE REVEALED THE S \_\_\_\_\_ OF THEIR ACCUSATION (v. 10-20)

**II. THE F \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE GENTILE WOMAN (v. 21-28)****A. The Re \_\_\_\_\_ of the Woman (v. 21-23)****B. The Re \_\_\_\_\_ of the Messiah (v. 24,26)****C. The Re \_\_\_\_\_ of the Woman (v. 25,27)****D. The Re \_\_\_\_\_ of the Messiah (v. 28)****INTROSPECTION**

- \* Where are you on the Pride - Humbleness spectrum? What do your words reveal?
- \* Honestly ... Which is of greater weight to you: the Word of God ... or your own desires and traditions?
- \* How committed are you to ministering to your parents?
- \* Is there a need to "change they way you think" ... and, therefore, act?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

*It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.*

- \* Read Romans 14. Does the discussion of our treatment of the weaker brother have any effect on the consideration individual observance of traditions?
- \* How do we as an assembly establish a Biblical framework for allowing "tradition" without negating Scripture?