

Tradition!

Matthew 15:1-9

(series #86)

Introduction: the good and bad aspects of tradition

- 2nd Thessalonians 2:15

- Colossians 2:8

- 1st Corinthians 11:2

- Isaiah 1:11-20

- Amos 5:21-24

I. The Accusation of the Opponents vv. 1-2

A. The scribes & Pharisees

1. They began with good intentions
2. They slipped into externalism

B. The issue was ceremonial washings

II. The Answer of Jesus vv. 3-9

A. They were transgressing God's commands

B. They had placed their laws above God's

C. They used their law to get around God's

D. They were being hypocrites

E. They were worshiping in vain

Conclusion: How often are we like this?