



## ***Church at Home for Abridge***

***16th August 2020***

***Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28***

### ***Further resources for worship and reflection***

The Gospel reading for today talks about the mouth; what goes in and what goes out.

**What goes in.** The sustenance of life goes in, passes through and end up going down the sewer. There is talk about the correct food to eat. Some of us are aware of what we can / cannot eat.

**What goes out.** James 3:1-10 talks about the tongue within the mouth. Please read these verses and see what message you obtain from them.

God tells us in His Word that the tongue has incredible power. We can use our tongue to bring blessings and life or curses and death. The saying "sticks and stones can break my bones, but words will never hurt me" is simply not true. Our tongues can be the most difficult thing to control and leave us with great regret if we use our words to hurt. There is hope! The Bible tells us that with the help of the Holy Spirit we can have power and control over our tongue.

### **Matt 15: 10-28 in Rhyme**

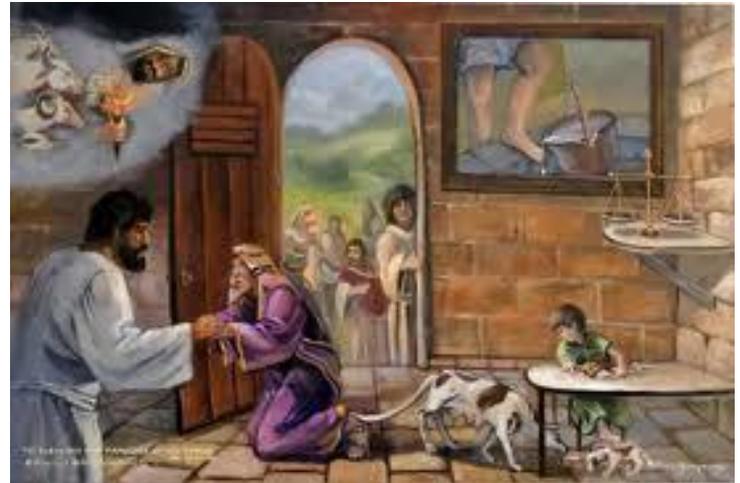
Eating doesn't defile a man  
 But what he says certainly can  
 This offended the Pharisees  
 Planted by men, torn out with ease  
 --

Let them be; the blind lead the blind  
 Both fall in a ditch, bear in mind  
 The words we say come from the heart  
 The place where evil thoughts depart  
 --

These are things which defile a man  
 Not eating with an unwashed hand  
 Later a Gentile woman came  
 My daughter's sick she did explain  
 --

Jesus answered her not a word  
 Send her off, the disciples slurred  
 Jesus said, Israel's my mission  
 "Lord, help me!" was her submission  
 --

He said, "Children's bread's not for pups."  
 She said, "A dog from the crumbs sups."  
 Jesus said, "O your faith is great!"  
 Her daughter was healed on that date



How easily are we offended?  
 Pharisees constantly sniped at Jesus,  
 but were offended when Jesus  
 suggested that our words can defile  
 us. Are we too offended when the  
 Word of God is preached? Do we  
 prefer pastors who will, "Speak to us  
 smooth things, prophesy deceits"?  
 (Isaiah 30:10 NKJV)