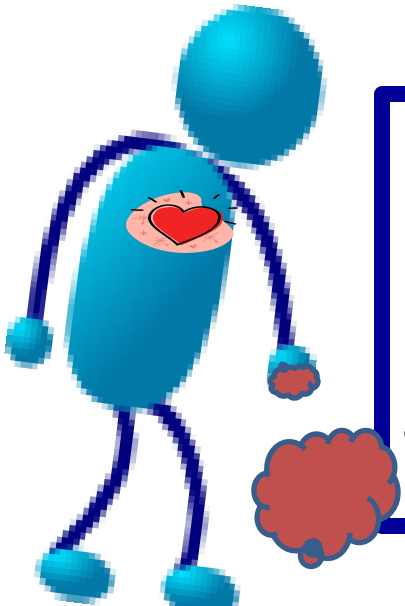


The Source of True Defilement

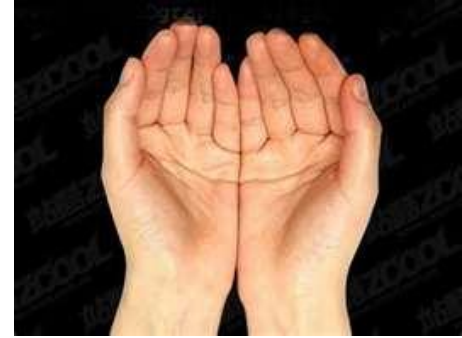
Mark 7:14-23

DEFILE

1. to make dirty; unclean; pollute; taint;
2. to violate the chastity of; to desecrate.



Introduction



- **Mark 7:1-13**

- Scribes & Pharisees confront Jesus about eating w/unclean hands
- He describes the dangers of traditions

- **Mark 7:14-16**

- He teaches meaning of “true defilement”

- **Mark 7:17-23**

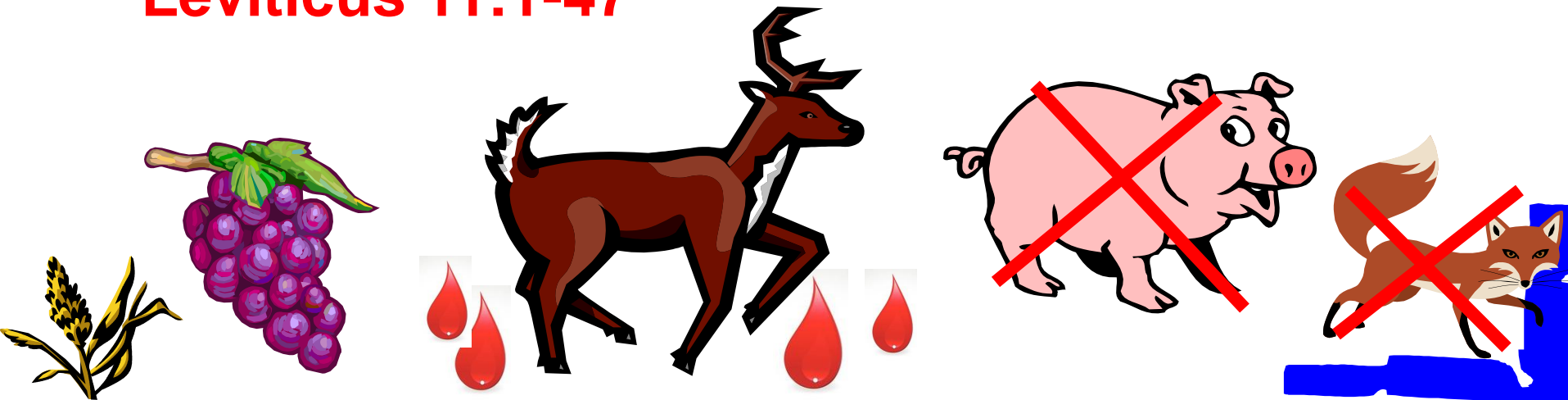
- He teaches His disciples privately

What can we learn ?

It's Not Food That Defiles

- Dietary Restrictions of the Past

- Creation, Man & animals may all have eaten vegetation, **Genesis 1:29-30**
- After flood, Animals specified as food, but not their blood, **Genesis 9:3-4**
- With law of Moses, diet's further restricted, **Leviticus 11:1-47**



Dietary Freedoms Under New Law

- All foods declared clean, **vs.14-19**
 - Parabolical statement, **vs. 19**
 - Hints to source of true defilement, **vs.14-16**
- Parable explained, **vs. 17-23**
- Note:
 - Jesus observed Old Law, **Matthew 5:17-18**
 - Paul later taught all foods clean, **1Timothy 4:1-5**
- Exceptions:
 - Idol offerings, blood, & strangled, **Acts 15:28-29**
 - Stumbling blocks to the weak, **Romans 14:14-15**

Defilement Comes From the Heart

- Man has a heart problem
 - Heart (mind) impacts life, **Proverbs 4:23**
 - Affected by sin, **Ecclesiastes 9:3; Jeremiah 17:9**
 - Heart, source of much evil, **Mark 7:20-23**
- Evil Thoughts Lead to True Defilement
 1. **Adultery**
 - Sexual relations, by one married outside of marriage, **Matthew 5:31-32**
 - Can occur in the heart, **Matthew 5:27-28**

Defilement Comes From the Heart

2. Fornication, Illicit sexual activities, prompted by lust, including premarital sex & homosexuality,
1 Thess. 4:3-5, Romans 1:26-27, 29, Galatians 5:19
3. Murder, Taking life intentionally, for other than a legal reason, Romans 1:29; 1 John 3:15
4. Theft, stealing, cheating (inc. taxes), Romans 1:30
5. Covetousness, greed makes an idolater,
Ephesians 5:5, Colossians 3:5
6. Wickedness, evil & malice, Romans 1:29
7. Deceit, Intent to defraud, Romans 1:30; Acts 1:1-10

Defilement Comes From the Heart

8. Lasciviousness, immoral behavior: language, dress, movies, music, jokes, etc., **Galatians 5:19**
9. An evil eye, stingy- Hebrew idiom, **Mark 7:22**
10. Blasphemy, slander, verbal abuse against God & man, **Mark 7:22; Colossians 3:8**
11. Pride, arrogance, boastful opinion of self & those surrounding self, **Mark 7:22; 1 John 2:16**
12. Foolishness and all evil things that come within man, worldly works, **Galatians 5:19-21**

Conclusion of the Matter

- **All physical foods declared clean**
- **Dietary freedoms under new law expanded**
- **Man has a heart condition**
- **True defilement comes from the heart**
- **Evil thoughts lead to “True Defilement”**
 - Adultery, Fornication, Murder, Theft, Covetousness, Wickedness, Deceit, Lasciviousness, Evil Eyes, Blasphemy, Pride, Foolishness, ETC...