

SCRIPTURE READING – AUGUST 20TH -

Matthew 15:10-28

10 Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand:

¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.'

¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?'

¹³He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.

¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.'

¹⁵But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.'

¹⁶Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding?

¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?

¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.

¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander.

²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.'

²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.'

²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'

²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.'

²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'

²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.'

²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.