

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for May 25, 1986**

**Empty Worship
Matthew 14:34-15:9
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Jesus rebukes the Pharisees and Scribes. These groups could see fault in everyone else but could not see their own faults.

Verse 2: “Why do your disciples transgress tradition?” And Jesus answers their question with a question. **Verse 3:** “Why do you transgress God’s commandment for the sake of tradition?”

Verse 7: “You hypocrites.” Jesus really lays into them. Their traditions are nothing but self-serving and in violation of God’s commandments.

Their worship is in vain. So they take the name of God in vain.

Verse 8-9: Lip service could be describing American life in general, coming to church, singing praise. Why are we coming to church? Tradition, or to worship Jesus from our heart?

Worship is a continual activity of our lives.