

# Treasure Hunt

- How is the Lord's quotation of Isa 29:13 in vv. 8-9 consistent with the broader context of Isaiah 29?
- What is unusual about the Lord's calling the multitude?
- What is the source of the Lord's imagery of the Pharisees' being planted and rooted up?
- What two kinds of Jews are there?
- How does our Lord's statement about the blind leading the blind relate to Isaiah's prophecy of the Servant of the Lord?
- How is Peter distinct from the other disciples?
- How does output of the heart relate to the Ten Commandments?
- Why does the heart produce such conduct?
- How can the human heart problem be resolved?

# 15:1-28 as an Echo of 12:1-38 (“folded chiasm”)

## 12:1-38

1-8 Picking grain on the Sabbath  
2 But when the **Pharisees** saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

9-14 Healing on the Sabbath  
14 Then the **Pharisees** went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

15-21 Healing great multitudes  
18 he shall shew judgment to the **Gentiles**.  
21 And in his name shall the **Gentiles** trust.

22-37 Casting out a Demon  
24 But when the **Pharisees** heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

38-45 Seeking a Sign  
38 Then certain of the scribes and of the **Pharisees** answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

## 15:1-28

1-20 Discussion on Uncleanness

1 Then came to Jesus scribes and **Pharisees**, which were of Jerusalem, saying, 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.  
12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the **Pharisees** were offended, after they heard this saying?

21-28 The Canaanite Woman  
22 And, behold, a **woman of Canaan** came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

# Isa 29:13 in Context

Isaiah 29, ~ 700 BC	606-586 BC (Jeremiah, Ezekiel)	Our Lord
<p>1 Woe to <b>Ariel [fire-hearth]</b>, to Ariel, the city <i>where</i> David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices. ... 3 And I will <b>camp against</b> thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise <b>forts</b> against thee. ... 6 Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and <b>the flame of devouring fire</b>.</p>	<p>Jer 52:4 Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came ... against Jerusalem, and <b>pitched against</b> it, and built <b>forts</b> against it round about. .. 12 Now ... came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard,... into Jerusalem, 13 And <b>burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, ... burned he with fire:</b></p>	<p>Mat 24:2 There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.</p>
<p>Isa 29:10 <b>For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep</b>, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.</p>	<p>Eze 14:9 And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, <b>I the LORD have deceived that prophet</b>, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.</p>	<p>Mat 15:14 they be blind leaders of the blind.</p>
<p>Isa 29:13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:</p>	<p>Jer 14:14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart. ... 23:16 <b>they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.</b> ... 25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. 26 How long shall <i>this</i> be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, <i>they are</i> prophets of the deceit of their own heart;</p>	<p>Matt 15:8-9</p>
<p>Isa 29:14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, <i>even</i> a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise <i>men</i> shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent <i>men</i> shall be hid.</p>	<p>Jer 14:14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart. ... 23:16 <b>they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.</b> ... 25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. 26 How long shall <i>this</i> be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, <i>they are</i> prophets of the deceit of their own heart;</p>	<p>Mat 15:13-14 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. 14 Let them alone:</p>

# v. 10 He called the multitude...

## Contrast:

Mat 4:25 there followed him great multitudes (cf. 8:1; 12:15; 19:2; 20:29)

Mat 13:2 great multitudes were gathered together unto him

Mat 15:30 And great multitudes came unto him,

Mat 14:13 When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities. 14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude,

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## Contrast:

Isa 5:2 And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, **and planted it** with the choicest vine,

Jer 11:17 For the LORD of hosts, **that planted thee**, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Baal.

Jer 45:4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, The LORD saith thus; Behold, *that* which I have built will I break down, and **that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.**

## Recall:

Mat 13:37 He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;  
38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*;  
39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil;

# Jews who are not Jews

Rom 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and **circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and not in the letter***; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

Rom 9:6 For **they are not all Israel, which are of Israel**: 7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. 8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

Lev 26:40 If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; 41 And *that* I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then **their uncircumcised hearts be humbled**, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: 42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

Jer 9:25 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will punish all *them which are* circumcised with the uncircumcised; 26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all *that are* in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all *these* nations *are* uncircumcised, and **all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart**.

1Sa 16:7 man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the **heart**.

# The Servant of the Lord and Blindness

Isa 42:6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a **light of the Gentiles;** 7 **To open the blind eyes,** to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

Rom 2:19 And art confident that thou thyself art **a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,**

Isa 42:19 **Who *is* blind, but my servant?** or deaf, as my messenger *that* I sent? **who *is* blind as *he that is* perfect, and blind as the LORD'S servant?** 20 Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.

# The Disciples in Matthew

Name	Before 10:2-4	After 10:2-4
Peter	1	21+2*
Andrew	1	0
James	1	1
John	1	1
Philip	0	0
Bartholomew	0	0
Thomas	0	0
Matthew	1	0
James	0	?
Lebbaeus/ Thaddeus	0	0
Simon the Canaanite	0	0
Judas Iscariot	0	4

\*2x called simply "Simon"



# Out of the Heart ...

Mat 12:31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy *against* the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

Jam 3:2 If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body.

Matt 15:19	Exod 20
evil thoughts	(17 thou shalt not covet?)
murders	13 Thou shalt not kill.
adulteries, fornications	14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
thefts	15 Thou shalt not steal.
false witness	16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
blasphemies	(3-12 four God-ward + honor parents?)

Pro 4:23 **Keep thy heart** with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life. 24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. 25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. 26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. 27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

Jer 17:9 The **heart is deceitful** above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Psa 51:10 **Create in me a clean heart**, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.