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GOD'S FAITH GARDEN

Matt. 15:1-14

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Bad plants
rooted up.

INT Text, a stinging rebuke to the Scribes and Pharisees. V. 13. Have their counter-part today in Catholics and Protestants.

1. Catholics raise tradition to level of revelation.
2. Protestants practice what cannot be proved in Bible.

Dishonest people do not want to know their faults and errors. Honest people hunt for truth till they find it and obey it.

I. TEXT IS AN EXPLANATION OF MATTHEW 7:21-23.

1. Pharisees were connected with religion too. Need more. 21.
2. Scribes active in religion. Didn't make it right. 21.
3. Men can die for Christ's name and fall short. I C.13:3,22.
 - a. "I'm in a church." Not enough. He said "His" church.
 - b. "I work in religion." Not enough. Must be His religion.
4. He knows only those who do His Father's exact will. 23-21B.

II. FOREIGN DOCTRINES NOT PLANTED BY OUR LORD.

1. Universalism- All will eventually be saved regardless.
 - a. All churches close up and go fishing. II Tim. 2:10.
 - b. Gospel a useless piece of luggage. Romans 1:16.
 - c. Blood of Christ a wasted sacrifice. Romans 3:25.
2. Predestination- Called or especially elected to Grace.
 - a. Hideous doctrine. Man helpless to help or hinder self.
 - b. Those called are contacted by gospel. II Thess. 2:14 &
 - c. No need of Bible. Can't help-hinder. Romans 10:13-17.
3. Denominationalism- just churches to suit everyone's ideas.
 - a. "We have them because our languages differ." Yet, all A.
 - b. "They essential to fill all man's varied interests."
 - c. "Have them to reach all classes, colors and income.
 - d. Going to be a lot of "weeding out" at Judgment. I C.1:10

III FOREIGN PRACTICES NOT PLANTED BY JEHOVAH. Romans 14:23.

1. Voting people into the church. Not defended. Acts 2:41-47.
2. Special-Day baptizing. Somebody's lazy. Acts 16:33.
3. Observing Special days. Gal. 4:10-11. Acts 20:7. All Imp.
4. Sprinkling for baptism. Rom. 6:3-4. Col. 2:12. Man-made.

IV. FOREIGN LIVES NOT DIRECTED BY GOD'S TEACHINGS.

1. Life of fear and anxiety. Matt. 6:25. Unless a reason-Sin
2. Life of worldly pleasures. I Tim. 5:6. Dead now-forever.
3. Life of unconcern. Rev. 3:15-16. Will matter one day.
4. Life without God and Christ. II Thess. 1:7-9.

INV: Take the necessary steps now while there is still time.