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 - b) There is only one thing in this text that comes IN
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*What was the point of the purity laws?
Really what is the point of ANY of God's Words?*

- To heighten our sense of God
 - To heighten our sense of ourselves & others
 - To do that by NOT feeding our egos that we have arrived
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 - b) When we moralize it
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This had all kinds of benefits to the Pharisees:

- *God's Temple got a nice donation*
 - *They looked great because they donated all this money to “God”*
 - *Writing a check is always easier than getting involved*
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They took in God’s beautiful words:

- *Priests need to ceremonially & ritually purify themselves for service at the Temple so they recognized the holiness of the God they were serving & how fortunate they were to be allowed in His Presence*
 - *Digested them, worked thru them, & came out moralizing others on how they should live*
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- *“Honor your father & mother...”*
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- a) *Divine commandments*
 - *God lead/prompted/inspired*
 - *Others elevating & often unnoticed*
 - *Messy*
 - b) *Human customs*
 - *Our idea*
 - *Make US look better*
 - *Hands off*
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- b) *It lies in what we ultimately desire*

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about Me, [40] yet you refuse to come to Me that you may have life.
