
THE GOSPEL OF MARK
THE IMPACT OF THE MASTER TEACHER
FOLLOWING JESUS





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Mark 7:1-23



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I. The True source of authority (v1-13)

II. The True source of defilement (v14-23)



The true source of authority

- The traditions of the elders

OR

- The commandments of God



The true source of authority

Leviticus 22:6-7

"A person who touches any such shall be unclean until evening, and shall not eat of the holy gifts unless he has bathed his body in water. But when the sun sets, he will be clean, and afterward he shall eat of the holy gifts, for it is his food."



The tradition of the elders

"It is a greater offense to teach anything contrary to the voice of the rabbis than to contradict Scripture itself"- Talmud

"He who expounds the Scriptures in opposition to the tradition has no share in the world to come"- Rabbi Eleazer



The tradition of the elders

"The Roman Catholic Church refers to revelation handed down by the apostles in unwritten forms as ***Tradition.***" -
The Gospel According to Rome, Harvest House Publishers, 1995

"….the Church does not draw her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Hence, both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal feelings of devotion and reverence"-
Second Vatican Council



The tradition of the elders

2 Timothy 3:16 – 17

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."



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The true source of defilement

- Outward ceremony
- Inward morality



Outward Ceremony

Acts 11:1-9

"Now the apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those who were circumcised took issue with him, saying, 'You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.' But Peter began *speaking* and *proceeded* to explain to them in orderly sequence, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object coming down like a great sheet lowered by four corners from the sky; and it came right down to me, and when I had fixed my gaze on it and was observing it I saw the four-footed animals of the earth and the wild beasts and the crawling creatures and the birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing unholy or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a voice from heaven answered a second time, 'What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.'"



Inward Morality

Jeremiah 17:9-10

"The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; Who can understand it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.



Psalm 51:6-17

"Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom. Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins And blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit. *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will be converted to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation; *Then* my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may declare Your praise. For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise."

