

Mark 7

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7 Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem. (These are the top men of the Sanhedrin; VIPs from downtown. These guys are nothing but trouble)

(Jesus was taking people away from their church membership. HE was impacting their profits from the peoples' tithes. These corrupt temple officials were all about the money; just like most are today)

²And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault. (unwashen = unwashed by the traditions of the "elders" of the temple, not of God)

(They had devised some ceremonial sprinkling of water round about. It was a tradition of the priests. It was not taken from God's Word)

³For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. (This washing was one of the traditions of men)

(Don't let the leaven <of the previous chapter> or false doctrine slip into the teaching of God's Word. This ceremonial "washing" was all made up by the corrupt Pharisees and Sadducees. It means nothing to God)

⁴And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables. (Common sense dictates that we wash cups and plates to keep them clean – not for some made up ceremony)

⁵Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? (the tradition of the elders - These are ceremonial traditions, NOT of God. This was a ritualistic "washing" per the elders – sprinkling to the right and to the left, etc...)

⁶He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. **Isaiah-29:13**

(These fakes talk religion, but don't teach the Word of God; nor do they live by God's Word. In fact, they are plotting to murder Jesus)

⁷Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. (Like most religions today – full of men's traditions)

⁸For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. (They used these traditions of the elders to replace God's Commandments. It's all vanity – a waste of time)

⁹And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. (That's exactly what they were doing. These fakes had nothing to do with God's teachings)

¹⁰For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: Exodus-20:12 & 21:17

¹¹But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free. (They pushed something called Corban – financial gifts to the church; instead of using that money to support your parents. You can't buy tickets to Heaven)

NOTE: (Look at preachers today, begging for money from people who can't afford to give money. They intimidate them into a guilt trip to get their money. It is an insult to God to tell people that they can buy a blessing with a donation to some church)

(Blessings from God are earned through our faith. God doesn't charge money to bless people)

¹²And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; (They don't care at all about the people that they are ripping off. They just want their money)

¹³Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye. (Organized religion was then, and is today, all about money; not about God's Word)

(This sets up the people for total deceit by Satan, because they are never taught the truth in God's Word. All they learn in church are traditions of men)

¹⁴ And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand: (Listen and learn)

¹⁵ There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. (You can wash all you want, but that won't stop you from defiling yourself. What defiles a man is what comes out of him – his words and his actions)

¹⁶ If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. (Jesus made no apologies to anyone for teaching God's Word; truthfully and unchanged. HE taught boldly to all who wanted to hear Him and learn; regardless of the fact that the priests were planning to kill Him for it)

¹⁷ And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable.

¹⁸ And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; (They can't force anything on you that can defile you. Don't let their false doctrine defile you)

¹⁹ Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? (Jesus is speaking of doctrine, not food. Food cannot defile you like false doctrine can. Stay away from false teachings and the traditions of men)

²⁰ And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. (What he believes, what he says, what he does – that can defile him)

²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

²² Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

²³ All these evil things come from within, and defile the man. (Only if you allow it to happen; but not if you obey the Ten Commandments)

NOTE: (This is a part of the reason that it is more difficult for the rich to get to heaven. They don't need a job. They have plenty of time and money. The temptations of verses 21 & 22 can creep into their lives, if they aren't careful. That can lead to ruining their lives and possibly prison. On a spiritual level that can lead to them losing their salvation)

²⁴ And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid. (Jesus was too popular with the people)

(Tyre and Sidon were strongholds of the Kenites. Jesus traveled 50 miles on foot to get there)

²⁵ For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: (She had faith in Jesus)

²⁶ The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. (Greek = Hellenist - Syrophenician = a Phoenician who lived in Syria. She was a Gentile but she had great faith in Jesus)

²⁷ But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs. (Jesus was sent to Israel, first. After the crucifixion, salvation would then be open to the Gentiles. Messiah was prophesied to Israel)

(Following the establishment of the New Covenant, everyone who would believe and follow Christ would be open to salvation)

²⁸ And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. (She had no vanity or ego problems. She was humble and asking for her daughter, not for herself)

²⁹ And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. (Her faith in Jesus saved her daughter. Jesus didn't have to go to her house. HE saved her with His words. God is almighty)

³⁰ And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed. (Her daughter was saved)

³¹ And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. (Another 50 mile walk; Jesus travelled 100 miles to save one person)

Ezekiel-28:2, 18-19 (Tyre was a stronghold of the Devil and of the Kenites. Jesus demonstrated to us, that He has power over everything. Even the strongholds of Satan cannot defeat God)

³² And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.

³³ And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue;

³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. (Ephphatha - an Aramaic word)

(Be opened - Symbolic for being able to hear the Word of God, with understanding. Jesus was opening his spiritual ears as well as his physical ears)

³⁵ And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. (With ears to hear, one can speak the true Word of God in order to help others find salvation)

³⁶ And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; (The people were so grateful to Jesus for these miracles that they couldn't help but spread the word)

(They were desperate to find salvation in their lives. When they found Him, they couldn't help but tell everyone who would listen)

³⁷ And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak. (This would cause more trouble with the false priests in the synagogues. They were losing membership and tithe money)

(Jesus wasn't concerned with that. HE came to save all the people that will believe; including any of the Pharisees or Sadducees who might change their mind and become Christians. Most of them didn't)