

Breakthrough

Breaking Tradition

Mark 7.1-15

In following Jesus, what really matters?

Who Or What Is Our Authority?

7.1 The Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered around Him when they had come from Jerusalem, 2 and had seen that some of His disciples were eating their bread with impure hands, that is, unwashed.

5 The Pharisees and the scribes *asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with impure hands?”

Tradition of the Elders

The authority of the elders had replaced the authority of God.

6 And he said to them, “rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written:

‘this people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far away from me.

7 ‘but in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.’

8 Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.”

13 And so you cancel the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition. And this is only one example among many others. (NLT)

14 After He called the crowd to Him again, He began saying to them, “Listen to Me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing outside the man which can defile him if it goes into him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man.

What Really Matters?

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Do not confuse Tradition with Revelation

God reveals Himself to us, specifically in the Old and New Testament, and ultimately in Jesus.

It's easy to confuse what you like with what God likes (demands, expects).

What really matters is that people trust Jesus as Savior, that they follow him.