

Sunday, April 30, 2017 AM
Mark 7:1-13 (NIV)

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus

² *and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.*

³ *(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders.*

⁴ *When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)*

⁵ *So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”*

⁶ *He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:*

*“‘These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.*

⁷ *They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.’*

⁸ *You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”*

⁹ *And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!*

¹⁰ *For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’*

¹¹ *But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)—*

¹² *then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother.*

¹³ *Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”*

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