

20. How can you tell if your religious traditions have replaced what God has said in His Word?

Reflection Questions: Where am I living as a hypocrite? A legalist? Am I living by the truth of God or the tradition of man? Do I impose my *traditions* on other Christians? Do I worship, serve, and obey God from the heart or only externally? What truly rules my heart?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

Legalism, moralism causes you to be more concerned with the behavior of others than the spiritual condition of your own heart.... Legalism, moralism, externalism is always connected to a condemning spirit.

Paul David Trapp

*Tradition is the living faith of the dead,
traditionalism is the dead faith of the living.*

Jaroslav Pelikan

The Pharisees religion was intentionally external and superficial, because it could be outwardly practiced with great zeal and diligence no matter what the condition of the heart or soul.

Christ Mueller

One who questions sacred cows will usually meet with the same fate as Jesus.

David E. Garland

Every time we add to the law of God, we inevitably subtract from it, because instead of putting our attention on the things that God is concerned about, human regulations cause us to lose sight of what concerns Him.

We begin to major in minors. We begin to give our devotion to our own traditions, our own human regulations.

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The Lord and the Legalists

Sermon
Notes

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1. The Challenge (1-5)

2. The Response (6-13)

A. Supported By the Prophet (6-8)

B. Supported by the Law (9-12)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read this account in the following accounts, noting what you learn from each. Are there any contradictions? If so, how do you solve them?

Matthew 15:1-9 —

Mark 7:1-13 —

3. What were the scribes original intent in making rules and regulations based on God's Word?

4. Why does Mark explain the *impure, unwashed hands* in *Mark 7:3-4*?

5. Why do the religious leaders attack Jesus' disciples instead of Jesus Himself (*Mark 7:2, 5*)?

6. What does *Luke 11:37-38* tell us about Jesus' practice of washing hands?

7. What are the traditions of the elders (*Mark 7:5*)?

8. Are traditions good or bad? Explain.

9. What do these verses teach about traditions?

1 Corinthians 11:2 — *2 Thessalonians 2:15* —

Colossians 2:8 — *2 Thessalonians 3:6* —

10. What is a *hypocrite* (*Mark 7:6*)?

11. How are hypocrites described in these verses?

Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18 —

Matthew 23:23-28 —

12. How do we worship God in vain according to *Mark 7:6-7*?

13. What are the two key verbs in *Mark 7:8*? What do they mean?

14. What did Moses clearly teach (*Mark 7:10*)?

15. What did the scribes and Pharisees teach according to *Mark 7:11*?

16. What does *Corban* mean (*Mark 7:11*)?

Is it wrong to devote something to God? Explain.

Why does Jesus condemn the use of *Corban* here?

17. What did the Pharisees and scribes do with the clear and definite teaching of the Word of God (*Mark 7:12-13*)?

18. What is contrasted in *Mark 7: 8, 9, and 13*?

19. What things might we insist someone do as a Christian that is not biblical? Why?