

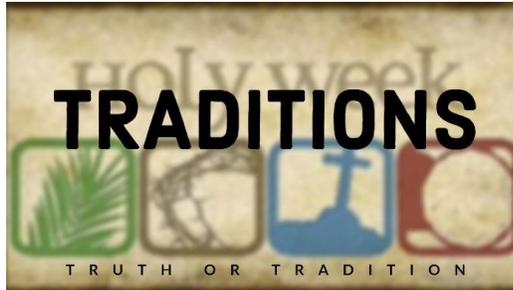
Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Next Book: *TBD – verse by verse*

Scripture(s) for Today: Mark 7:1-23 – Jesus Christ speaks out against *unbiblical* traditions of men

Today's Message:

“Traditions”



INTRODUCTION

This week, we begin a short series on the traditions of men versus the holy Bible. Are Lent and Holy Week “*traditions of men*” or holy Bible teachings? Religious traditions can become Heaven and _____ issues when then go against the holy Bible and the _____ of Jesus Christ. Now, there are some religious organizations that hold their traditions above the words of God: a very dangerous place to be! So, is it wrong to celebrate unbiblical religious traditions? Will it really cause harm? The real issue is whether you are trusting the _____ of a religious tradition to get to heaven or the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The lines get blurry when families have deep religious convictions over unbiblical traditions. What if today you decided to put all your religious traditions on trial? Will it _____ you?

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text Mark 7:1-23; Matthew 15:1-20

#1. Defining the Traditions – most “*traditions*” in Bible are _____ context.

➤ ***The word “tradition” is found 13 times in the King James Bible; only 2 are positive.***

✓ DEFINING TRADITION

- **W1828 #1:** Delivery; the act of delivering into the hands of another.
- **W1828 #2:** *The delivery of opinions, doctrines, practices, rites, and customs from father to son, or from ancestors to posterity; the transmission of any practice from forefathers to descendants by oral communication, without written memorials. Thus, children derive their vernacular language chiefly from tradition. Most of our early notions are received by tradition from our parents.*
- **W1828 #3:** *That which is handed down from age to age by oral communication. The Jews pay great regard to tradition in matters of religion, as do the Romanists. Protestants reject the authority of tradition in sacred things: rely only on written word.*

✓ COMPARING SCRIPTURES

- Good: **2 Thessalonians 2:15; 3:6**
- Bad: **Matthew 15; Mark 7; Galatians 1:14; Colossians 2:8; 1Peter 1:18**

NOTE Traditions may be good or bad; true or false. A final authority is required to discern.

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#2. Confronting the Hypocrites – the religious leaders found _____ with Christ.

➤ *Many people take great offense when confronted about their unbiblical traditions.*

✓ **WHAT HAPPENED**

- The religious leaders **came to find** _____: they found what they wanted.
- They told Jesus his disciples were not following **the tradition of the elders**.
- Jesus called them _____ and said **Isaiah had prophesied of them**.
- Jesus said **they worship in vain** and **teach as doctrines commandments of men**.
- Jesus said **they lay aside God's commandments to hold the tradition of men**.
- Jesus said they **reject God's commandments to keep their own tradition**.
- Jesus said they **suffer a man to not do right by following their teachings**.
- Jesus said they were **making the word of God of none effect by their tradition**.

✓ **COMPARING SCRIPTURES**

- *The disciples were concerned that Jesus had _____ the men. Mt 15:12-20*
- *Jesus was not concerned with their taking offense; he said, "Let them alone."*

NOTE Wow! How very different Jesus Christ was then most religious people we know!

#3. Obeying the Scriptures – we must _____ all our traditions with the Bible.

➤ *Always be ready to _____ whatever you have been taught or you have believed when it goes contrary to the Bible. (How to Study the Bible – The Attitude Factor)*

✓ **COMPARING SCRIPTURES**

- **1Ths 5:21** – *Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*
- **Acts 17:11** – *These were more noble...they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*
- **Ps 119:59** – *I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.*
- **Pr 4:13** – *Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.*
- **Pr 4:26** – *Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.*

NOTE Never make the Bible line up with what you believe; line yourself up with the Bible!

B. The Lessons (How can you apply this message to your life?)

1. *Religious traditions can be heaven or hell issues when they relate to _____.*

❖ **Question:** *If you were to die today, would you immediately go to heaven or hell? Why?*

2. *Religious traditions can be good or bad; your religious traditions must be _____.*

❖ **Question:** *Are you willing to change what you believe today if it is contrary to the Bible?*

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