

# SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES

## WOMEN *in the* WORD

### Fellowship Bible Church

## The GOSPEL ACCORDING to MARK

### (JESUS: God's Servant-Our Savior)

Lesson EIGHT...A LIGHT to the GENTILES (Mark 7:1-8:26)

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#### INTRO:

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Isaiah 49:6 (NLT)<sup>6</sup> He says, "You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

#### WHEN HYPOCRITES ATTACK.....Round 1

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Hypocrites are ...

Mark 7:1 (NKJV) Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. <sup>3</sup> For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash *their* hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup> *When they come* from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, *like* the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches.

Mark 7:5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?"

- The traditions of the elders...
- **Guzik quotes from Weirsbe...** "Rabbi Eleazer said, 'He who expounds the Scriptures in opposition to the tradition has no share in the world to come'... The Mishna, a collection of Jewish traditions in the Talmud, records, 'It is a greater offense to teach anything contrary to the voice of the Rabbis than to contradict Scripture itself.'" (Wiersbe)

"The Jews have several ordinary sayings that show in what esteem they had these traditions, as if the scribes say our right hand is our left, and our left hand is our right, we are to believe them. And, there is more in the words of the scribes than the words of the law... The Jewish Rabbi Jose saith, He sinneth as much as who eateth with unwashed hands, as he that lieth with an harlot.'" (Trapp)

Mark 7:6 He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: '*This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.*' <sup>7</sup> And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' <sup>8</sup> "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men --the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."

Mark 7:9 He said to them, "*All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.*" <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, '*Honor your father and your mother*'; and, '*He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.*' <sup>11</sup> But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me *is Corban*"--' (that is, a gift to God), <sup>12</sup> then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, <sup>13</sup> making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

**APPLICATION:** Have we allowed anything to nullify or make ineffective God's promises or principles? Are there any erroneous beliefs that you or I hold that makes what God says is true of us powerless in our present experience?

Lest we feel spiritually superior to the Jews of Jesus' day, let us examine our own personal lives and not the denominations we disagree with and see if we personally have let man made traditions into our own lives that nullify or add to the word of God.

## HOW JESUS ADDRESSES FALSE TEACHING

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Mark 7:14 When He had called all the multitude to *Himself*, He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand: <sup>15</sup> There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. <sup>16</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!" <sup>17</sup> When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable. <sup>18</sup> So He said to them, "**Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup> because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?"**

Mark 7:20 And He said, "What comes out of a man that defiles a man. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, <sup>22</sup> thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

## JESUS TURNS to the GENTILES

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Mark 7:24 From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know *it*, but He could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup> For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. <sup>26</sup> The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw *it* to the little dogs." <sup>28</sup> And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup> Then He said to her, "For this saying, go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter." <sup>30</sup> And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

- *Let the children be filled or satisfied first.*
  
- *Little dogs...*

APPLICATION: When we have a sense of entitlement before God...The Lord will hold up the mirror of His word to us and reveal who we are apart from him!

## The GENTILES of DECAPOLIS

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Mark 7:31 Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. <sup>32</sup> Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. <sup>33</sup> And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Eph-phath-a," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed *it*. <sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

## The FEEDING of the 4,000

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Mark 8:1(NKJV) In those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples *to Him* and said to them, <sup>2</sup> "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup> And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar." <sup>4</sup> Then His disciples answered Him, "How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?"

<sup>5</sup> He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven."

**2 Cor 9:10 (NLT)** <sup>10</sup> For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

<sup>6</sup> So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground.

<sup>6b</sup> And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke *them* and gave *them* to His disciples to set before *them*;

<sup>6c</sup> and they set *them* before the multitude.

<sup>7</sup> They also had a few small fish; and having blessed them, He said to set them also before *them*.

<sup>8</sup> So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments. <sup>9</sup> Now those who had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away,

Some parting observations on this story...

## WHEN HYPOCRITES ATTACK...Round 2

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**Mark 8:10** He... immediately got into the boat with His disciples, and came to the region of Dalmanutha. <sup>11</sup> Then the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, testing Him. <sup>12</sup> But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation."

- *Region of Dalmanutha...*

- *Sign from "heaven"...*

**Isaiah 35:3-6 (NASB Strong's (Lockman))**<sup>3</sup> Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble. <sup>4</sup> Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you." <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind will be opened And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. <sup>6</sup> Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy. For waters will break forth in the wilderness And streams in the Arabah.

- *He sighed deeply in His spirit...*

## IMPROMPTU INSTRUCTION

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**Mark 8:13** And He left them, and getting into the boat again, departed to the other side. <sup>14</sup> Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup> Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

- "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees
- "...beware... the leaven of Herod."

<sup>16</sup> And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "*It is* because we have no bread."

- When applications go very wrong....

<sup>17</sup> But Jesus, being aware of *it*, said to them, "**Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened?** <sup>18</sup> **Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember?** <sup>19</sup> **When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?**" They said to Him, "Twelve." <sup>20</sup> **"Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?"** And they said, "Seven." <sup>21</sup> So He said to them, "**How *is it* you do not understand?"**

- "*Do you not remember?"*

**John 14:12-14 (NLT)**<sup>12</sup> "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father."<sup>13</sup> You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.<sup>14</sup> Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

- "**How *is it* you do not understand?"**

## The HEALING of the BLIND MAN

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<sup>22</sup> Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. <sup>23</sup> So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. <sup>24</sup> And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." <sup>25</sup> Then He put *His* hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. <sup>26</sup> Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town."

- "Led him out of town..."

**Matt 11:21-22 (NLT)**<sup>21</sup> "What sorrow awaits you, Korazin and Bethsaida! For if the miracles I did in you had been done in wicked Tyre and Sidon, their people would have repented of their sins long ago, clothing themselves in burlap and throwing ashes on their heads to show their remorse.<sup>22</sup> I tell you, Tyre and Sidon will be better off on judgment day than you.

## IN CLOSING...

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We have had a whirlwind tour of Jesus' ministry among the gentile areas in and out of Israel. We have also seen a more pointed and urgent discipling taking place. Jesus uses many questions to provoke a response from the disciples. The questions were meant to help the disciples see their lack of understanding of spiritual truth and to awaken a desire to remedy their ignorance of spiritual truth. I have highlighted Jesus' questions in light gray for easy reference. Please go back and reread those questions and think about what Jesus was trying to address and see if anything fits your life right now. Prayerfully discuss those areas with the Lord.

In next week's lesson, Jesus will begin to speak of even more difficult things to understand. Unbeknownst to his disciples, time is short and Jesus' death is looming on the horizon. He will begin to teach them and us on the cost of being His disciple. Remember, forgiveness and eternal life is a free gift of God received simply by faith, but to follow Jesus in faith-obedience as His disciple comes at a cost to us. But the eternal gain of reward in the coming kingdom and new heaven and earth is well worth the risks. Eternal glory and reward at the judgment seat of Christ awaits those who are faithful to Christ in this hostile world. Paul in addressing the persecuted church in Rome wrote this by way of encouragement:

**Romans 8:18 (NKJV)**<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

**NEXT WEEK:** Lesson NINE...The Turning Point (Mark 8:27-29)