

# Sermon Outline

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March 3, 2024

**“True Purity Before God”**  
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Mark 7:1-23

## Introduction

### 1. The Danger of Traditions (vv. 1-13)

- A. Not all traditions are bad (1 Cor. 11:2; 2 Thess. 2:15)
  
- B. Can lead to question/criticize others who don't follow the traditions (vv. 1-5)
  
- C. Can lead to religious hypocrisy and legalism (vv. 6-8)
  - i. Go through the motions spiritually (Matt. 23:27-28)
  
  - ii. Elevate human traditions over God's commands
  
- D. Religious hypocrisy and legalism illustrated (vv. 9-13)
  - i. “Corban” and God's command to honor parents (Ex. 20:12, 21:16)
    - 1. Nullifying God's word (v. 13)
  
  - ii. The call to holiness is not legalism (1 Pet. 1:15)

## 2. **Get to the Heart of the Matter** (vv.14-23)

- A. The problem is internal, not external (vv.14-15)
  
- B. Foods do not make one impure (vv. 18-19)
  - i. Foods do not go into the heart (vv. 18-19a)
  
  - ii. All foods are clean (v. 19b)
  
- C. Sin comes out of the heart (vv. 20-23)
  
- D. We need Jesus to cleanse us from the inside! (Rev. 1:5)
  - i. Repent and believe the Good News (Mk. 1:15)

**\* True moral purity is a matter of the heart -- a Christ-cleansed heart,  
not religious tradition/practice. \***

### **What's Next?**

- March 10: “*God’s Heart for All People*” – Mark 7:24-8:10, Pastor Kris Neider
- March 17: “*Eyes to See*” – Mark 8:11-26, Pastor Corey Kugle