

The Gospel According To MARK

Chapter 7

“Heart, Mind, Soul & Body of Christ”

> FOUR LESSONS FROM JESUS:

- LESSON #1 – The difference between RELIGION VS. RELATIONSHIP (v1-13)

(What is CORBAN? (*an offering*) - a word applied to a gift or offering in the Temple which declared that gift dedicated to God in a special sense. Once a gift was offered under the special declaration of Corban, it could not be withdrawn or taken back; it was considered totally dedicated for the Temple's special use.)

- *Let's develop God and family (Deuteronomy Chapter 6)*

(Question: Do our traditions or do other peoples books make the "Word of God of no effect?")

- LESSON #2 – Understanding SIN AND SALVATION (v14-23)

Observation: Food vs. Faith – 1 Timothy 4:1-6; Colossians 2:16-17

> (v21-23) Jesus said, “that which comes out of the heart of man”:

- *Evil thoughts*

- *Adulteries and fornications*—unlawful sex relations

- *Murderers* (anger is also murder)

- *Thefts* (loafing on the job is also stealing)

- *Covetousness*—grasping and greediness for material things and positions

- *Wickedness*—all the acts that are intended to hurt people

- *Deceit*—the pretense that people put up

- *Lasciviousness*—sensuality

- *Evil eye*—envy

- *Blasphemy*—slander against God or man

- *Pride* (God hates this above all else)

- *Foolishness*—acts done without any respect of God or man

(Flesh vs. Spirit – Galatians 5:16-26)

- LESSON #3 – Living in POWER OVER PREJUDICE (v24-30)

Insight: Matthew 15:21-28 - How to have great faith:

1 – Cry out to Jesus Christ for mercy (v22)

2 – She worshiped Him (v25)

3 – She requested of Him (v25)

4 – She made Him Lord and master (v27)

5 – She had faith to receive from the promises of God (she earlier referred to Jesus as the “Son of David”. (v27)

Jeremiah 29:13-14 – And you shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD.

(Warren Wiersbe writes, “Great faith is faith that takes God at His Word and will not let go until God meets the need. Great faith can lay hold of even the slightest encouragement and turn it into a fulfilled promise. “Lord, increase our faith.”“)

- LESSON #4 – Jesus causes us to HEAR AND PROCLAIM (v31-37)

- **Key verse 34** – Jesus “sighed” over the results of sin; its damage, disabilities, disease and destruction!

“Ephphatha” pronounced “Ef a thuh,” this is an Aramaic word meaning “to open” or “to release”. **There are times when the Holy Spirit groans within us in Romans 8:26-29 - Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.**

- *When your heart has been touched by Jesus you will: HEAR!!! BELIEVE!!! PROCLAIM!!!*
Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)