

### Mark 7:9-13

Are You Nullifying God's Word By Your Own Tradition?

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### Where We Left Off

Mark 7:6b-8 "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.' **"Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men."**

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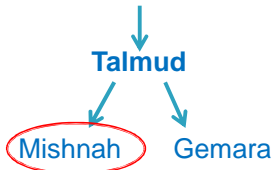
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### The Pharisees Nullified God's Word

Mark 7:9 He was also saying to them, "You are experts at **setting aside the commandment of God** in order to keep **your tradition**."

#### The Pharisaic Tradition



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### Jesus' Example

Mark 7:10-11 "For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother, is to be put to death'; but you say, 'If a man says to his father or his mother, whatever I have that would help you is **Corban** (that is to say, given to God)..."

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### Jesus' Example

Mark 7:12-13...you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or his mother; thus **invalidating the word of God by your tradition** which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that."

#### Tradition Caused:

- Vs. 8 **neglect** of the commandment of God...
- Vs. 9 **setting aside** the commandment of God...
- Vs. 13 **invalidating** the word of God...

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### The Two Sources of Tradition In Scripture

1. 1 Corinthians 11:2 Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold firmly to **the traditions, just as I delivered them to you.**
2. Colossians 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, **according to the tradition of men,** according to the **elementary principles** of the world, rather than according to Christ.

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**Application: Arenas Of Demonic Tradition**

1 Timothy 4:1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons...

- 1. False religions/cults
- 2. False binding within the church
- 3. Conforming Scripture to our own tradition

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**1. False Religions**

**Roman Catholic Church**

- ▶ The apostles left bishops as their successors. They gave them their own position of teaching authority." (Par. 77).
- ▶ "This living transmission, accomplished through the Holy Spirit, is called tradition..." (Par. 78).
- ▶ "Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal devotion." (Par. 82).

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**1. Catholicism's Wayward Doctrine**

**▶ Beliefs About Mary:**

- 1. Immaculate conception (Eph. 1:6)
- 2. Perpetual virginity (John 7:5)
- 3. Co-Redemptress/Mediatrix (1 Tim 2:5)
- 4. Bodily Assumption (1 Thess. 4:16-17)

"The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians" (Catechism, 966)

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### 1. Catholicism's Wayward Doctrine

"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, **preserved free from all stain of original sin**, when the course of her earthly life was finished, **was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory**, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death" (Catechism, 966)

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### 1. Witnessing To Catholics

#### 1. No succession of apostles

- > (1 Cor 15:8; Eph. 2:20)
- > Why was Peter not the foundation?

#### 2. Incorrect Canon (Apocrypha)

- > Never cited by N.T. writers.
- > Jews had the right canon (Rom. 3:1-2; 2 Tim. 3:15)

#### 3. Jesus Rejected Man's Tradition

- > (Mark 7:1-23; Col. 2:8)

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### 2. False Binding In The Church

#### Sabbath Keeping:

1. Seventh Day Adventists (Saturday)
2. Puritan Sabbath (Sunday)

"From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the **first day of the week ever since**, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath" (WSC).

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**2. False Binding In The Church**

**Freedom We Have In Christ:**

Romans 14:4-5 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. **One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike.** Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind.

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**2. False Binding In The Church**

Colossians 2:15-17 NET Disarming the rulers and authorities, he has made a public disgrace of them, triumphing over them **by the cross.** **Therefore** do not let anyone judge you with respect to food or drink, or in the matter of a feast, new moon, or Sabbath days –**these are only the shadow of the things to come, but the reality is Christ!**

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**3. Conforming Scripture To Our Tradition**

▶ **In what ways are you “invalidating” God’s word by your own tradition?**

1. Conforming Scripture to our own sin?
2. Whatever it means – it doesn’t mean that!

Psalm 119:11 Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

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