

Another Attack

¹ Then some Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ² "Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." ³ And He answered and said to them, "Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴ For God said, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,' and, 'HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH.' ⁵ But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever I have that would help you has been given to God," ⁶ he is not to honor his father or his mother.' And by this you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

⁷ You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you: ⁸ ' THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. ⁹ 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.' " Matt 15:1-9

I. The Confrontation (vs. 1-2)

- A. This delegation comes with greater **PRESTIGE** and **AUTHORITY**. (vs. 1)
- B. They accuse Jesus of violating **MAN-MADE** traditions. (vs. 2)
- C. They had come to regard the traditions as **SUPERIOR** to the Scriptures.
- D. They were infuriated that Jesus **DISREGARDED** the traditions.

II. The Condemnation (vs. 3-9)

- A. Jesus **CONFRONTS** their view of the traditions. (vs. 3-6)
- B. The tradition of "Corban" (Mk. 7:11), refers to a gift or sacrifice **OFFERED** to God.
 - 1. If a person said "**Corban**" over all his assets than they were **DEDICATED** to God.
 - 2. Since this person's assets belong to God, he could not help his **PARENTS**.
 - 3. If the person wanted to spend on **HIMSELF**, then he could say "Corban" over his assets again, and they would not belong to God.
- C. Jesus was infuriated at their **CALLOUS SELFISHNESS**, and condemned them. (vs. 7-9)

III. No Contradiction

- A. The God of **COMPASSION** is also the God of **CONDEMNATION**.
- B. If we love someone, then we are **AGAINST** whatever is **HURTING** their lives.
- C. God is love and He **CANNOT** put up with evil and sin.