

Assignments on Mark 7

Please read Mark 7 and answer the following questions.

1. What criticism did the Pharisees and scribes raise about Jesus' disciples – 7:1-5?

2. **Define** tradition. What were some traditions that the Jews kept?

3. List other **passages** about traditions.

4. **Special Assignment:** Are all traditions wrong? What kind of traditions did Jesus oppose? Explain.

5. What passage did Jesus quote in 7:6? Why did He object to their traditions?

6. **Application:** Give examples of practices in which people often have the problem that Jesus described in 7:6.

7. What did Jesus say was wrong with their traditions according to 7:7-9? List other passages about the danger of following human authority in religion.

8. **Application:** Give examples of practices in which people have the problem that Jesus described in 7:7-9.

9. What example did Jesus give in 7:10-13 to illustrate how their human traditions violated the will of God? Explain it.

10. How does the example Jesus gave illustrate another way human traditions can be wrong?

11. What did Jesus command the multitudes to do in 7:14? What can we learn about the ability of people to understand the teachings of Jesus?

12. What principle of right and wrong did Jesus state in 7:15? How did this apply to the subject of eating with unwashed hands?

13. What further explanation did He give to this principle in 7:17-20?

14. How would Jesus' explanation apply to teaching of the law about clean and unclean foods?

15. **Special Assignment:** Does it follow from this teaching that nothing that enters the body from outside can ever have a defiling influence? That is, is there a limit to the principle that Jesus stated here? Explain your answer.

16. List below each of the things that Jesus listed in 7:22,23 that come from within and defile a man. Define each one and give at least one other passage of Scripture that discusses it.

17. Where did Jesus go next – 7:24-26 (see *map*)? Who found Him there, what kind of woman was she, and what request did she make?

18. What response did Jesus give to her – 7:27? Explain it (comparing parallel passages elsewhere may help here). (Think: Did Jesus not mean for the gospel to go to Gentiles? Why respond to the woman as He did here?)

19. How did the woman respond to Jesus' statement – 7:28? How was this a fitting response to the statement of Jesus?

20. What did Jesus do because of the faith that she had demonstrated – 7:29,30?

21. Where did Jesus go next? What problem did a man there have – 7:31,32?

22. What did Jesus do with the man and what did He say – 7:33,34?

23. What happened as a result – 7:35?

24. How did this event demonstrate the nature of miracles and show that they are impossible by natural law?

25. What instruction did He give the people, and what did they do instead – 7:36?

26. How did the people react to the miracle – 7:37? How does this demonstrate the primary purpose of miracles?