

Selective Hearing

Mark 7:1 ESV

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem,  
<https://bible.com/bible/59/mrk.7.1.ESV>

Mark 7:2-3 ESV

2)they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.  
3)(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding  
to the tradition of the elders,  
<https://bible.com/bible/59/mrk.7.2-3.ESV>

Matthew 23:4 NIV

They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they  
themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.  
<https://bible.com/bible/111/mat.23.4.NIV>

Mark 7:4-5 ESV

4)and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many  
other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and  
dining couches.) 5)And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk  
according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"  
<https://bible.com/bible/59/mrk.7.4-5.ESV>

Mark 7:6-13 ESV

6)And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "'This  
people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; 7)in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' 8)You leave the commandment of God and hold to  
the tradition of men." 9)And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the  
commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! 10)For Moses said, 'Honor your father  
and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' 11)But you say, 'If  
a man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban"' (that  
is, given to God)— 12)then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother,  
13)thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such  
things you do."  
<https://bible.com/bible/59/mrk.7.6-13.ESV>

There is digression here by the Pharisees. It's a tragic sequence of events. It's a pattern  
that many church people follow.

1. They were teaching their doctrines as God's word.

Mark 7:7 ESV

in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'  
<https://bible.com/bible/59/mrk.7.7.ESV>

2. They were laying aside God's word.

Mark 7:8 ESV

You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

<https://bible.com/bible/59/mrk.7.8.ESV>

3. They were rejecting God's word.

Mark 7:9 ESV

And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!

<https://bible.com/bible/59/mrk.7.9.ESV>

4. This led to robbing God's Word of its power.

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thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

<https://bible.com/bible/59/mrk.7.13.ESV>

Mark 7:14 ERV

Jesus called the people to him again. He said, "Everyone should listen to me and understand what I am saying.

<https://bible.com/bible/406/mrk.7.14.ERV>

Mark 7:15-23 NIV

15)Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them." 16)If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!" 17)After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. 18)"Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? 19)For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.) 20)He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. 21)For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22)adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. 23)All these evils come from inside and defile a person."

<https://bible.com/bible/111/mrk.7.15-23.NIV>

Jeremiah 17:9 ESV

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

<https://bible.com/bible/59/jer.17.9.ESV>

1 Samuel 16:7 ESV

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

<https://bible.com/bible/59/1sa.16.7.ESV>

Matthew 12:34-35 ESV

You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. <font color="#999999">35</font></small> The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/mat.12.34-35.ESV>

Ezekiel 36:26 ESV

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/ezk.36.26.ESV>

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