

WELCOME!
Men's Fellowship Breakfast



December 6, 2019

Key Words to Understand

- “Defiled”... “Impure” ... “Unclean” — 7 times in Mark 7
 - For common ordinary use.
- The opposite of defiled would be “consecrated” ... “holy” ... “clean”
 - Set apart or sanctified ... made holy ... for God’s use.

Ceremonial Washings

They poured water from a cup over each hand separately 2 or 3 times followed by this blessing:

- “Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments, and commanded us concerning the washing of the hands.”

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“Tradition” — 6 times in our passage

- For the Pharisees ... traditions were rooted in the oral teachings about the law that were handed down through various rabbis — the “unwritten Torah”
 - Much of that unwritten Torah was later written in a book called the Talmud — extra-biblical interpretation and application of the Old Testament.

Oral Tradition from the Talmud, Sotah 4b

“Concerning anyone who eats bread without washing his hands, it is as if he engaged in sexual intercourse with a prostitute....”

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1 Samuel 16:6–7

“He look upon Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before him.’ 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.”

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- Cognition ... the thinking heart — what we know and understand largely shapes who we are
- Affection ... the feeling heart — our desires, values, and emotions largely shape who we are
- Volition ... the willful heart — our choices largely shape who we are

The Big Idea:

Having a heart that loves God means believing what God says to be true, loving and desiring what God loves and desires, and choosing what God wants.

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- “Corban” which is really a Hebrew word meaning “given to God.”
- It refers to a vow to dedicate money or goods irrevocably to God without any way to annul their designation.

Progression Toward Voiding God's Word

- V 8 — “You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”
- V 9 — “You reject the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition.”
- V 13 — “You make void the word of God by your tradition.”

Various Sins of the Heart

Cognition:

- Thoughts that are evil ... pride ... foolishness (having no moral compass)

Affection:

- Covetous desires ... envy

Volition:

- Choices to commit sexual sin ... to steal ... to murder To deceive ... to slander

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