

SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS AUTHORITY OVER HUMAN TRADITION

Mark 7:1-13

BIG IDEA: True worship is not about human tradition or outward rules, but about hearts that belong to God.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

Share a funny or memorable family or cultural tradition you grew up with. How did it shape you?

Why do you think the Pharisees attacked Jesus' disciples instead of Jesus Himself (vv. 1–5)?

How does Jesus use Isaiah 29:13 to confront the Pharisees' hypocrisy (vv. 6–7)?

What is the danger of teaching human tradition as if it were God's command (vv. 8–9)?

How did the Corban tradition actually nullify God's command to honor parents (vv. 10–13)?

APPLY

Where do you see the temptation in your own life to focus more on externals than on the condition of your heart?

What are some rules, habits, or expectations you've been tempted to treat as if they were equal to God's Word?

When are you most tempted to use "spiritual-sounding" excuses to avoid the harder path of obedience?

If Jesus were to quote Isaiah 29:13 about me, would He find a heart close to Him—or a heart that is far away behind a mask of lip-service?

COMMIT

Since Jesus cleanses us from sin, how can you stop relying on outward appearances and traditions for your standing with God? What concrete step can you take to worship Him from the heart?