

## **A Steadfast Heart: Not Tradition Sun Am 6/12/16**

### **Mark 7:1-16 (NKJV)**

**7 Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem.**

**<sup>2</sup> Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault.**

**<sup>3</sup> For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash *their* hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders.**

**<sup>4</sup> *When they come* from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, *like* the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches.**

**<sup>5</sup> Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?”**

**<sup>6</sup> He answered and 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.**

**<sup>7</sup> And in vain they worship Me, Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.’**

**<sup>8</sup> For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men —the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.”**

**<sup>9</sup> He said to them, “*All too* well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.**

**<sup>10</sup> For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’**

**<sup>11</sup> But you say, ‘If a man says to his father or mother, “Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban”—’ (that is, a gift *to God*),**

**<sup>12</sup> then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother,**

**<sup>13</sup> making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do.”**

**<sup>14</sup> When He had called all the multitude to *Himself*, He said to them, “Hear Me, everyone, and understand:**

**<sup>15</sup> There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man.**

**<sup>16</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!”**

**Matthew 15:7-9 (NKJV)**

**<sup>7</sup> Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:**

**<sup>8</sup> ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me.**

**<sup>9</sup> And in vain they worship Me, Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.’ ”**

**Psalm 78:35-37 (NKJV)**

<sup>35</sup> Then they remembered that God *was* their rock, And the Most High God their Redeemer.

<sup>36</sup> Nevertheless they flattered Him with their mouth, And they lied to Him with their tongue;

<sup>37</sup> For their heart was not steadfast with Him, Nor were they faithful in His covenant.

**Isaiah 29:13 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> Therefore the Lord said: “Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,

**1 John 4:10 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

**Acts 17:27 (NKJV)**

<sup>27</sup> so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

**Leviticus 26:12 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.

**1 Timothy 2:3-4 (NKJV)**

**<sup>3</sup> For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

**Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)**

**<sup>6</sup> But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**

**Proverbs 8:17 (NKJV)**

**<sup>17</sup> I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me.**