

## Mark 7:1-13

### The Pharisees challenge Jesus on defilement

**A. Pharisees/scribes saw the disciples' unwashed hands:** <sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.

**B. Do not eat unless they wash/holding to traditions:** <sup>3</sup>For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, / holding to the tradition of the elders,

**B<sup>1</sup>. Do not eat unless they wash/holding to traditions:** <sup>4</sup>and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. / And there are many other traditions that they *hold to*, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.

**A<sup>1</sup>. Pharisees/scribes ask about the disciples' unwashed hands:** <sup>5</sup>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?"

### Jesus rebukes the Pharisees for their human traditions

**A. Their hypocrisy/Scripture text from the Prophets on honoring God:** <sup>6</sup>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; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

**B. Leave the commandment of God:** <sup>8</sup>You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

**B<sup>1</sup>. Set aside the commandment of God:** <sup>9</sup>And he said to them, "*Well have you set aside* the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!

**A<sup>1</sup>. Scripture texts from the Law on honoring parents/their hypocrisy:** <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' / <sup>11</sup>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)—<sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."