

Human Religion and Man's True Problem, Pt. 2

Mark 7:1–23

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Introduction

Human Religion . . .

1. Justifies the Heart's Disobedience (1–13)

- a. By Establishing Human Tradition

- b. By Neglecting God's Commands

2. Ignores the Heart's Defilement (14–23)

The questions for your religion are these:

1. **Does your religion expose what is defiled about your heart and soul and mind?**
2. **Does your religion help you in the sight of men or of God?** Does your religion help you feel better before men or does it remove your guilt before God? Does your religion merely help you feel better about yourself before men or does it solve the problem of internal guilt before God? Does your religion *mask* your true problem or *solve* your true problem?
3. **Does your religion change behavior or your sinful nature?** Does your religion attempt to fix the externals or does it transform your heart? Does your religion merely attempt to fix the externals of your life by cleaning up your deeds, or does it transform your heart from a defiled soul into a pure soul?