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**The New Testament!**  
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**"The Danger of Traditions!"**

**All Scripture ESV English Standard Version unless noted!**

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**Introduction**

In chapters Jesus is doing more and more private instruction

The disciples were struggling to understand Jesus' teaching

Matthew 15

1-9, Traditions and commandments

10-20 Jesus teaches on purity and impurity of the heart

21-39 Jesus the compassionate healer and provider for Gentiles

Today we continue to look at traditions and commandments

Today the "danger of traditions"

What we will see over the next few weeks!

1. Today the danger of traditions
2. The source of sin
3. The faith of a Canaanite woman
4. Christ's healing and compassion

### ***Review of the Scripture!***

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Over time the scribes and Pharisees looked upon these traditions as law

It was these strict sects that Jesus is dealing with in Chapter 15

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Jesus makes a clear distinction between the OT, which was the commandment of God, and the Pharisaic tradition, which consisted of merely human pronouncement

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"Given to God" reflects a technical term for a formal vow-Corban

This allowed a person to be released from other responsibilities, such as caring for aging parents  
Pharisees have made null and void the word of God with their traditions and rulings

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Charles Spurgeon says, "religion based on human authority is worthless; we must worship the true God in the way of His own appointing, or we do not worship Him at all. Doctrines and ordinances are only to be accepted when the divine Word supports them, and they are to be accepted for that reason only.

The most punctilious form of devotion is vain worship, if is regulated by man's ordinance apart from the Lord's own command!"

Jesus says, you have an outward holiness but no love for or devotion for you parents in your hearts  
What is Isaiah said 700 years before Christ is still true today, "An outward show of religion, if the heart is not right with God, and does not come from an inner principle of faith, love and obedience to God, is nothing but pure hypocrisy"

Two things reveal the hypocrite

1. All their actions are external and not from the heart
2. Their teaching are not from God but based on human tradition

### **The Danger of Traditions!**

1. The outward show of religion, v1-2  
 Hypocrites attach great significance to outward performance, attendance, performance, strictness  
 What was the accusation brought against the followers of Jesus?  
 Adultery, theft, lying, blasphemy, greed, self-righteousness, unloving...NOo  
 "They had broken the tradition of the elders"  
 They did not wash their hands after coming back from the market  
 Does this say anything about today?  
 Millions say, "I believe in God" but have no love for the things of God: His Jesus, His Word, His Church  
 Millions say they are Christians but have no concern about their neighbors  
 They say they are Christians but have no concern about the murdering the unborn  
 They live by people but never share the gospel with them  
 They have the same language, the same surely attitude and mean spirit that the lost have  
 They have no interest in righteousness and holiness

No love for God, love for God's people, His church, their hearts are not bent toward God and His Word but toward the things of the world  
***Romanos 14:17 Porque el reino de Dios no es comida ni bebida, sino justicia, paz y gozo en el Espíritu Santo.***

2. The danger of adding tradition to the Word of God  
When we try to make additions to the Scripture we are always tempted to make our additions more important than the Scripture  
**3 Respondiendo él, les dijo: ¿Por qué también**

Here Christ strikes at the heart of adding to the Scriptures

He does this by showing them how their traditions make void the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment  
**6 ya no ha de honrar a su padre o a su madre. Así habéis invalidado el mandamiento de Dios por vuestra tradición.**

The author of the tradition may not have intended that but that is what it had become  
It is just the nature of prideful man to put more trust in tradition than in the very Word of God  
Richard Baxter says, "men think God's laws too many and too strict, and yet make more of their own, and are precise in keeping them"  
Don't we know those who make more of what day we are to worship than sexual immorality  
Don't we know those that value and esteem church membership more highly than repentance, faith, holiness and the grace of God

The spirit of the Pharisees still lives on

3. God desires the worship of the heart  
What God desires is a heart devoted to and bent toward God  
What is the first thing we need to be a Christian? A new heart, Ezekiel 36:26  
What is the proper sacrifice to God? A broken and contrite heart, Psalm 51:17  
What is true circumcision? Circumcision of the heart, Romans 2:29  
What is true obedience? To obey from the heart  
What is saving faith? To believe with the heart  
Where does Christ dwell? In our hearts  
What does wisdom ask for? The heart  
***Proverbios 23:26 Dame, hijo mío, tu corazón,  
Y miren tus ojos por mis caminos.***

So what must we settle?

Where does our worship come from?

It must come from a heart that loves God and is bent toward God!

Attendance, the bent knee, the bowed head, the loud singing and Amens or Awomen, the daily readings are useless and unprofitable as long as our hearts are bent toward... sin, self, pleasure, money and the things of this world

The question Jesus always asks?

Do you love me?

***Juan 21:17 Le dijo la tercera vez: Simón, hijo de Jonás, ¿me amas? Pedro se entristeció de que le dijese la tercera vez: ¿Me amas? y le respondió:***

***Señor, tú lo sabes todo; tú sabes que te amo. Jesús le dijo: Apacienta mis ovejas.***

Is my religion outward or is it a thing of the heart?  
Do I truly live my life for God's glory?  
Do I show myself to worship God with and from my heart?