

Sermon Notes – June 16, 2024

How to Invalidate God's Word (*Mark 7:9-23*)

- I. REJECT God's Word by elevating tradition over truth.
 - A. The statement of Scripture: Exodus 20:12
 - 1. Honor your father and mother.
 - a. Respect their personhood and position.
 - b. Respond to their needs in their old age.
 - B. The tradition of the elders. (Pharisees)
 - 1. Corban.
 - a. A gift dedicated to God; an offering.
 - b. A loophole to get out of the commandment.

- II. REPLACE God's Word by making experience the final authority.
 - A. Handing down to the next generation.
 - 1. The way we've always done it.
 - B. Practicing a superiority over others.
 - 1. The Pharisee and the publican. (*Luke 18:9-14*)
 - C. Turning the Gospel into a system of works righteousness.
 - 1. Woe to them! (*Matthew 23:13-15*)

- III. REWRITE God's Word by emphasizing outward acts over inward motivations.
 - A. The emphasis of man.
 - 1. Outward appearance. (*I Samuel 16:7a*) (*James 2:1-4*)
 - B. The emphasis of God.
 - 1. The heart. (*Jeremiah 17:9*) (*I Samuel 16:7b*)
 - 2. The sinful state. (*Romans 3:23; 6:23a*) (*John 2:23-25*)
 - 3. The gospel of grace. (*Romans 6:23b*) (*Ephesians 2*)