

## Sermon Notes – June 9, 2024

### The Traditions of Men (*Mark 7:1-8*)

- I. Legalism begins where God’s Word ends.
  - A. The Ten Commandments/The Law of Moses/Pentateuch.
  - B. Scribes/Oral Law/Tradition of the Elders.
  - C. Halakhah: Oral teachings of the Rabbi.
  - D. 3<sup>rd</sup> Century AD: Mishnah
  
- II. Distortion of the Law (Word) of God.
  - A. The living word becomes dead to the hearers. (*Hebrews 4:12*)
  - B. The living word is replaced by what man wants to hear. (*2 Timothy 4:1-8*)
  - C. The living word is misquoted or misrepresented. (*Genesis 3*) (*1 Timothy 6:10*)
  
- III. Expressions of False piety.
  - A. Supported by human precepts.
    - 1. The scribes and Pharisees. (*Matthew 23:1-12*)
    - 2. The Judaizers. (*Galatians*)
    - 3. The current “religious” culture. (*James 1:26-27*)
  - B. Devoid of biblical authority.
    - 1. Prophets: “Thus saith the Lord.”
    - 2. Jesus: “But I say.”
    - 3. The Scriptures: I Corinthians 15; 2 Timothy 3:16,17; 2 Peter 1:19-21.
  - C. Outwardly focused but inwardly dead.
    - 1. Their worship is worthless.
    - 2. They neglect the commandment of God.
      - a. Love the Lord with all your heart, mind, soul; love one another as yourself.
    - 3. They hold to the traditions of men.