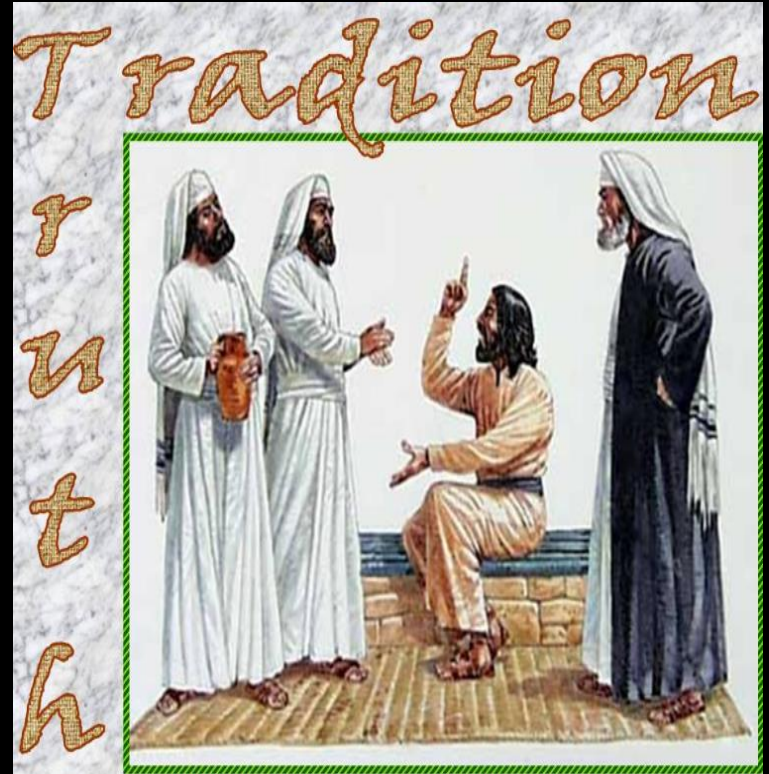


ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Molding of Peter

Matthew Ch.15



Matthew Ch.15 (Verses 1 & 2, NIV):

1: Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked,

2: “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!”



Mark Ch.7 (Verses 3 & 4, NIV):

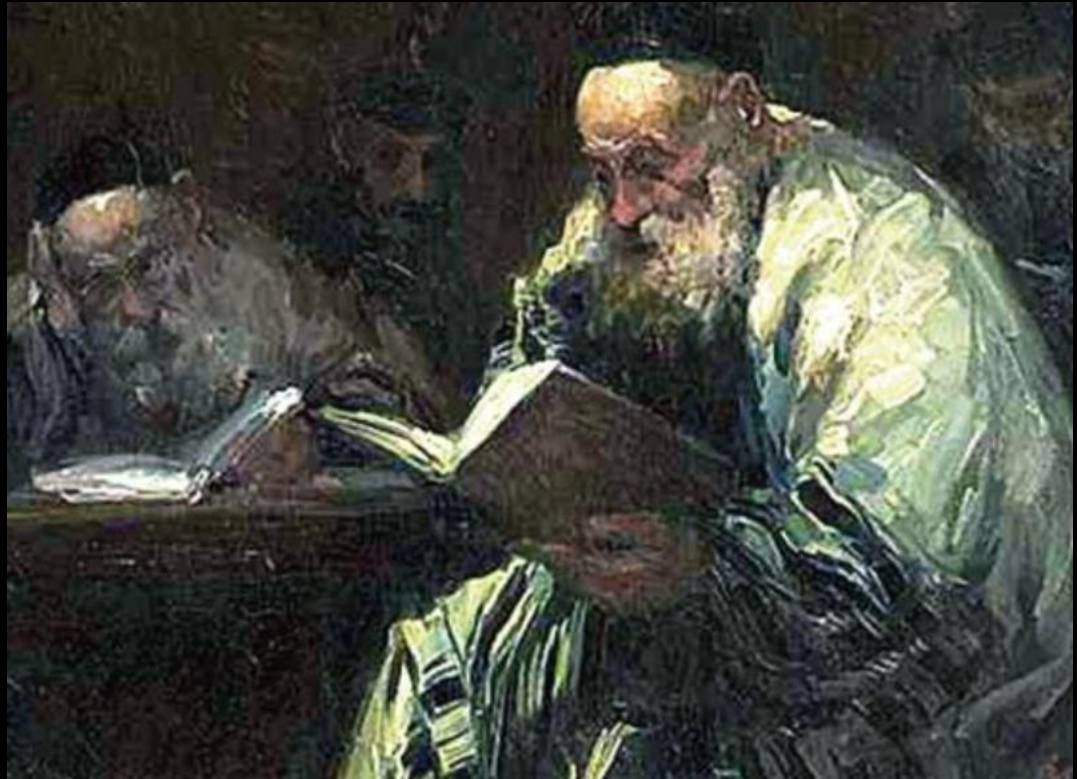
3: (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders.)

4: When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

Mishnah:

Jewish Oral Traditions

*186 pages (Cleanliness)



Matthew Ch.15 (Verses 3 through 6, NIV):

3: *Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?”*

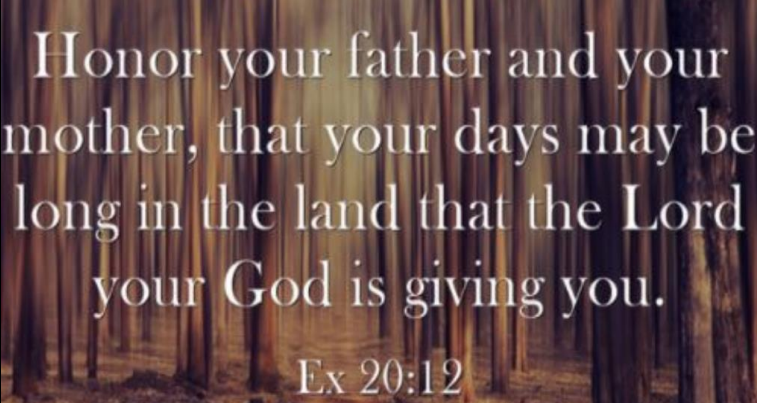
4: *For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’*

5: *But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is ‘devoted to God,’*

6: *They are not to ‘honor their father or mother’ with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition.*

Jesus' Response:

God's Commandment to Israel:



Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Ex 20:12

“Corban”

But You Say That If A Man Says To His Father Or Mother: ‘Whatever Help You Might Otherwise Have Received From Me Is Corban’ (That Is, A Gift Devoted To God),

Mark 7-11

Matthew Ch.15 (Verses 7 through 9, NIV):

7: *You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:*

8: *“These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.*

9: *They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.”*

Questions of Application:

*What rules/traditions/sacrifices do we meticulously keep?

*What is it that motivates these practices? Could it be that these practices cover our lack of true personal commitment to Jesus Christ?

*How can we become stronger in God's Word and thereby better understand what God wants/expects from us?

Matthew Ch.15 (Verses 10 & 11, NIV):

10: Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand.

11: What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

Matthew Ch.15 (Verses 12 through 14, NIV):

12: Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”

13: He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots.

14: Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”