

JESUS

T H E M O S T P O W E R F U L



The Commandments and Cleanliness

**Law following is meaningless if
one's heart isn't devoted to God.**

The Commandments and Cleanliness

Mark 7:1



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¹Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. ...

⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

**““This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;**

**⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of
men.’**

**⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to
the tradition of men.”**



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⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)—¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

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**¹⁴And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand:
¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? ...**

Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

**The heart is deceitful above all things, and
desperately sick; who can understand it?**

Jeremiah 17:9



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And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:26

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During this time of reflection:

**What is the condition of my
heart this morning?**



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