

# Mark 7:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free.

## Analysis

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**Mark 7:11** This passage continues Mark's fast-paced narrative demonstrating Jesus' divine authority, miraculous power, and confrontation with religious establishment. The theological themes include Christ's deity, sacrificial mission, call to discipleship, and inauguration of God's kingdom. Reformed interpretation emphasizes sovereign grace, substitutionary atonement, and transformation through regeneration.

## Historical Context

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First-century Palestinian Jewish context under Roman occupation shapes the narrative. Archaeological discoveries confirm Gospel accounts' historical accuracy. Ancient sources (Josephus, Tacitus) corroborate biblical timeline and cultural details. Early church fathers interpreted these Christologically, seeing Old Testament fulfillment and New Covenant establishment.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse reveal Christ's person and work in redemptive history?
2. What transformation should this truth produce in your thinking, affections, and behavior?

## Interlinear Text

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ὁμεῖς	δὲ	λέγετε	ἐὰν	εἴπῃ	ἄνθρωπος	τῷ	πατρὶ	ἢ	
<b>ye</b>	<b>But</b>	<b>say</b>	<b>If</b>	<b>shall say</b>	<b>a man</b>	G3588	<b>to his father</b>	<b>or</b>	
G5210	G1161	G3004	G1437	G2036	G444		G3962	G2228	
τῇ	μητρὶ	Κορβαῖν	ὃ	ἐστίν	Δῶρον	ὃ	ἐὰν	ἐξ	ἐμοῦ
G3588	<b>mother</b>	<b>It is Corban</b>	G3739	<b>is to say</b>	<b>a gift</b>	G3739	<b>If</b>	<b>by</b>	<b>me</b>
	G3384	G2878		G2076	G1435		G1437	G1537	G1700
ὠφεληθῆς									
<b>thou mightest be profited by</b>									
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 23:18** (Parallel theme): And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.

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