

# 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

**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

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

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

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

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

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## 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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ὑμεῖς	δὲ	λέγετε	ἐὰν	εἴπῃ	ἄνθρωπος	τῷ	πατρὶ	ἢ	
ye	But	say	If	shall say	a man	G3588	to his father	or	
G5210	G1161	G3004	G1437	G2036	G444		G3962	G2228	
τῇ	μητρὶ	Κορβᾶν	ο	ἐστιν	Δῶρον	ο	ἐὰν	ἐξ	ἐμοῦ
G3588	mother	It is Corban	G3739	is to say	a gift	G3739	If	by	me
G3384		G2878		G2076	G1435		G1437	G1537	G1700

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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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