

Mark 7:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

Analysis

Mark 7:9 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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

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

Καὶ	ἔλεγεν	αὐτοῖς	Καλῶς	ἀθετεῖτε	τὴν	ἐντολὴν
And	he said	unto them	Full well	ye reject	G3588	the commandment
G2532	G3004	G846	G2573	G114		G1785
τοῦ	θεοῦ	ἵνα	τὴν	παράδοσιν	ὑμῶν	τηρήσητε
G3588	of God	that	G3588	tradition	your own	ye may keep
	G2316	G2443		G3862	G5216	G5083

Additional Cross-References

Galatians 2:21 (Word): I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Isaiah 24:5 (Word): The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

Isaiah 29:13 (Parallel theme): Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

Psalms 119:126 (Word): It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law.

Mark 7:3 (Parallel theme): For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

Mark 7:13 (Word): Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Romans 3:31 (Word): Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

2 Thessalonians 2:4 (References God): Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

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