

# Erecting Religious Fences

MK 7:1-13 // MT 15:1-9; ISA 29:13, MAL 2:1-9;  
ROM 10:3-4; GAL 2:20-21; COL 2:20-23



## INTRODUCTION:

Religion = \_\_\_\_\_

✪ \_\_\_\_\_ is any human attempt to secure or maintain a right relationship with God.

1. The scribes and Pharisees gathered around Jesus -- not to hear his message, but to \_\_\_\_\_ his ministry. (7:1-5)
2. So, they “asked” Jesus about the \_\_\_\_\_. (7:5)
  - a. Your disciples are violating the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Specifically, they are eating with \_\_\_\_\_ hands.
  - c. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ them immediately, and your rabbinical \_\_\_\_\_ is in question.
3. Jesus answered the Pharisees and scribes with an \_\_\_\_\_ of his own. (7:6-8)
  - a. You are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. You are only giving \_\_\_\_\_ to holiness.
  - c. You are not really worshiping \_\_\_\_\_ because you have a faulty doctrinal footing.
  - d. You are choosing \_\_\_\_\_ to the traditions of men over God’s words.
4. Jesus gave them a specific \_\_\_\_\_ of their offense – “\_\_\_\_\_”. (7:9-13)
  - a. You have a “\_\_\_\_\_” of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish tradition.
  - b. You have \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God with your own man-made traditions and rules.
5. This, unfortunately, was not an \_\_\_\_\_ case. (7:13)

**CONCLUSION:** Wash your hands before you eat for \_\_\_\_\_ hygiene reasons. ... But also,

- Offer correction/challenge in a \_\_\_\_\_-controlled way.
- Proclaim the gracious kingdom of God without \_\_\_\_\_.
- Be active in the ruthless elimination of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Evaluate every tradition through the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Word.
- Monitor your own \_\_\_\_\_ for obedience and discipline.