

CHAPTER 7

THEN came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.

2 And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault.

3 For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash *their* hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

4 And *when they come* from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, *as* the washing of cups, and pots, brassen vessels, and of tables.

5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?

6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with *their* lips, but their heart is far from me.

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

8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, *as* the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

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

10 For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

11 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*.

12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;

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

14 ¶ And when he had called all

the people *unto him*, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of *you*, and understand:

15 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.

16 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

17 And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable.

18 And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, *it* cannot defile him;

19 Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?

20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23 All these evil things come

from within, and defile the man.

24 ¶ And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know *it*: but he could not be hid.

25 For a *certain* woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet:

26 The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

27 But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* unto the dogs.

28 And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

30 And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

31 ¶ And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis.

32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.

33 And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue;

34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.

35 And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

36 And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published *it*;

37 And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

CHAPTER 8

IN those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples *unto him*, and saith unto them,

2 I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat:

3 And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far.

4 And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these *men* with bread here in the wilderness?

5 And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven.

6 And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before *them*; and they did set *them* before the people.

7 And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before *them*.

8 So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken *meat* that was left seven baskets.

9 And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away.

10 ¶ And straightway he entered into a ship with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dalmanutha.

11 And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him.

12 And he sighed deeply in his

spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.

13 And he left them, and entering into the ship again departed to the other side.

14 ¶ Now *the disciples* had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf.

15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and *of* the leaven of Herod.

16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have no bread.

17 And when Jesus knew *it*, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?

18 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?

19 When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve.

20 And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven.

21 And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?

22 ¶ And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

25 After that he put *his* hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

26 And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell *it* to any in the town.

27 ¶ And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?

28 And they answered, John the Baptist: but some *say*, Elias; and others, One of the prophets.

29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.

30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him.

33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

34 ¶ And when he had called the people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever

will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapter 7 records the Pharisees having a form of religion but denying the power of Christ. Jesus called them hypocrites—professing to believe one thing, but doing something different. Today, many people have a form of religion, but deny the power of God in their lives. Religious sects are probably more prevalent than ever before in our world today. Some honestly follow after false teachings. Others know the teaching is false, but follow it anyway. In any event, there is only one way. That way is Jesus Christ. Even though a person might be completely honest and sincere in his belief, if he fails to come by way of the cross, he is lost and without hope. God's Word tells us, in Proverbs 16:25, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Jesus said, in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." I trust you have come to Him and allowed His cleansing power to make you whole.

The Book of Mark parallels and covers much of the same material covered in Matthew, but from a

different point of view. In chapter 8:35-38 there is a message that should grip the hearts of every individual. So much importance is placed upon this life, and the profit and gain of this world. Jesus said, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Eternity is sure and everlasting. The man who prepares for the future is a wise man. Christ died that we might have assurance of eternity in heaven. It is the responsibility of every individual to accept Jesus Christ by faith, and receive His free pardon of sin. This is explained so beautifully in John 3.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent" (Proverbs 28:20).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 33: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1847

DATE OF THE BIRTH OF SAM JONES.

Let us thank God for this great preacher of the Gospel and pray that God will raise up some more evangelists like him in our day.

1758

NOAH WEBSTER WAS BORN.

1555

DATE OF THE BURNING OF BISHOP RIDLEY.

Bishop Ridley was burned at Oxford. Let us pause to thank God for the martyrs of the faith whose blood has mixed the foundation for the church today.

1777

A FAMOUS DAY IN THE LIFE OF LORENZO DOW OF CONNECTICUT.

Lorenzo Dow was a famous preacher of the 18th century who had great revivals in the eastern part of our nation. On this particular day, he was preaching to a great crowd. Suddenly the crowd was angered; some young men began to leave and others followed. Dow went to the back door of the building, put his back against the door, and blocked the exit so the crowd could not leave. Holding the door shut and blocking the exit he preached the Gospel of Christ. Two-thirds of the audience came to Christ at the end of the message when the invitation was given. What power! What blessings of God! What a God we serve!

Let us pray today for evangelists. Perhaps you know of some whose names you should call in prayer today. Let us not forget those who travel across the country and around the world trying to win souls for Jesus' sake.

1815

NAPOLEON WAS EXILED TO ST. HELENA.

Let us thank God today that one day Jesus will come as *the* Emperor, as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and then the world shall have a righteous kingdom and a righteous ruler.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1849

George Washington Williams, the first major black historian, born in Bedford Springs, Pennsylvania.

Charles L. Reason named professor of belles-lettres

and French at Central College, McGrawville, New York. William G. Allen and George B. Vashon also taught at the predominantly white college.

Avery College established in Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

1855

More than one hundred delegates from six states held a black convention in Philadelphia.

John Mercer Langston, one of the first blacks to win public office, elected clerk of Brownhelm Township, Lorain County, Ohio. In 1856 he was elected clerk of the township of Russia, near Oberlin. In 1857 he was elected to the council of the incorporated village of Oberlin. From 1871 to 1878 Langston was president of the board of health of Washington, D.C. In 1889 he was elected to the U.S. Congress from Virginia. The pioneer black lawyer also served as minister to Haiti and Vice President of Howard University.

1859

John Brown attacked Harpers Ferry, Va., with thirteen white men and five blacks. Two of the five blacks were killed, two were captured and one escaped.

1872

South Carolina Republicans carried election with a ticket of four whites and four blacks: Richard H. Gleaves, lieutenant governor; Henry E. Hayne, secretary of state; Francis L. Cardozo, treasurer; Henry W. Purvis, adjutant general. Blacks won 97 of the 158 seats in the General Assembly and four of the five congressional districts.

1876

Race riot, Cainhoy, South Carolina. Five whites and one black killed.

1901

Booker T. Washington dined at the White House with President Roosevelt and was criticized in the South.

1940

Benjamin Oliver Davis Sr. named the first black general in the regular army.

1968

John Carlos and Tommie Smith staged Black Power demonstration on victory stand after winning 200-meter event at Olympics in Mexico City. Carlos and Smith said they were protesting racism in America.

1973

Maynard Jackson elected mayor of Atlanta.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:

THINGS RECEIVED IN ANSWERED PRAYER FROM PROMISES IN THE SCRIPTURES

(Assignment 33)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

Salvation promised.

() Jeremiah 29:13

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Great things promised.

() Jeremiah 33:3

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Anything promised.

() Matthew 18:19

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

All things promised.

() Matthew 21:22

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Good things promised.

() Luke 11:13

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?