Piety or Purity?

Mark 7:1–30

[Purity Question Answered; Syrophoenician's Daughter Exorcised]

Sunday, January 19, 2025 – Pastor Patrick Ransom

SERMON OUTLINE

I. RITUALITY: EXTERNALS—HANDWASHING, KEEPING MANMADE RULES, JEWISHNESS, ETC.

A. The Pharisees and their **standards** (7:1–15)

B. The "unclean" Syrophoenician woman with daughter possessed by an unclean spirit (7:24–25)

C. Our present-day legalistic misunderstanding of what God finds acceptable.

II. MORALITY: FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE

A. Jesus' **explanation** of what is acceptable to God (7:17–23)

B. The Syrophoenician woman's example (7:24–30)

III. APPLICATION: *GO FOR MORALS, NOT RITUALS!*

A. How can we cultivate an environment that is not legalistic?

HOW TO APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE?

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SERMON NOTES

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NEXT WEEK:
Daily Bread
Mark 7:31–8:26

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CAMERON

THEOLOGICAL FOCUS: FAITH THAT PRODUCES OBEDIENCE, NOT HYPOCRITICAL ALLEGIANCE TO MANMADE RULES, RENDERS THE DISCIPLE MORALLY ACCEPTABLE TO GOD.