

DISCOVERING JESUS: A Study in the Gospel of Mark

Everyone is **RELIGIOUS**.

The real question is whether or not **WHAT OR WHOM** you are worshipping is **WORTH BEING WORSHIPPED**.

James 1:26-27 (*Page 835*)

Mark 7:1-23 (*Page 699*)

Jesus raises two concerns:

- 1) The use of God words when the **DECISION MAKING CORE** of your life is not surrendered to God;
- 2) The substitution of **HUMAN PRIORITIES** for **GOD PRIORITIES** in your decision making and life-style process.

People are still using **GOD WORDS** to cover up the fact that they are essentially **SELFISH AND SELF-INDULGENT**.

The second illustration that Jesus uses refers to the idea of being **MORE RELIGIOUS** than God.

This is essentially the practice of taking something that God has said, ignoring the reason why He said it and **SUBSTITUTING** something even more “profound” in its place.

Mark 7:18-23 (*Page 700*)

What defines and either defiles or blesses you is not your **COMPULSIVE PRACTICE OF RULE KEEPING**, but what comes out of you in your **WORDS AND ACTIONS**.