

Here it must be remembered, that it was an admitted Rabbinic principle that, while the ordinances of Scripture required no confirmation, those of the Scribes needed such, and that no Halakhah (traditional law) might contradict Scripture.

- Alfred Edershim, Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah

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6 And honor not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have you made the commandment of God of none effect *[akuroo - nullify]* by your tradition *[paradosis - something that is handed down]*. **7** You hypocrites, well did Esaias *[Isaiah]* prophesy of you, saying, **8** This people draws near unto me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. **9** But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines *[didaskalia - doctrine to be believed but NOT practiced]* the commandments *[entalma - commandments, ordinances]* of men. **10** And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

Matthew 15:11-16

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Matthew 15:17-20

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Numbers 19:20-22

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7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. 8 For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things you do. 9 And he said unto them, Full well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your own tradition.

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Mark 7:13-14

13 *Making the word of God of none effect [akuroo - nullify, void] through your tradition, which you have delivered: and many such like things do you. 14 And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand:*

Mark 7:15-18

15 *There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile [koinoo - to make common] him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile [koinoo - to make common] 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 said unto them, Are you so without understanding also? Do you not perceive [noeo - an ability to direct one's mind to a subject], that whatsoever thing from without enters into the man, it cannot defile [koinoo - to make common, not holy anymore] him;*

Mark 7:19-23

19 *Because it enters not into his heart, but into the belly, and goes out into the draught [aphedron - toilet, latrine], purging all meats? **20** And he said, That which comes out of the man, that defiles the man. **21** For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts [dialogismos - reasonings], 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 [koinoo - to make common] the man.*

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Isaiah 29:13

Therefore the Lord said: “Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,

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10 And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: **11** Not that which goes into the mouth defiles *[koinoo - to make common]* a man; but that which comes out of the mouth, this defiles *[koinoo - to make common]* a man. **12** Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Know you that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? **13** But *[And]* he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father has not planted, shall be rooted up. **14** Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. **15** Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable. **16** And Jesus said, Are you also yet without understanding *[asunetos - without understanding]*?

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Romans 14:13

Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

Galatians 1:13-14

13 *For you have heard of my conversation [anastrophe - lifestyle] in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it [laid it to waste]:* **14** *And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions [paradosis - something that is handed down] of my fathers.*