



**The Studies of the Book of Daniel and the Gospel of Mark**  
**Lesson 9: "Jesus Helps Many People" (or The Blindness of Religion)**

**Mark 7:1 – 8:26**

**Division 1:** All religion at its core assumes a works-based solution or salvation. But Christ alone gives the righteousness of salvation.

Mark 7:1-23

(Additional passages: Matthew 15:1-20, Genesis 12:2-3, Romans 12:2-3, Ephesians 4:18)

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**Principle #1:** Ceremonial cleanliness or conformance to man-made traditions can never purify the sinful heart or open the darkened mind of an unbeliever.

**Division 2:** Christ does not send away the faithful empty-handed.

Mark 7:24-37

(Additional Passage: Matthew 15:21-31; I Peter 1:3-7; Ephesians 1:1-3; Ephesians 1:11-14; Romans 6:2-11; Philippians 1:1; Genesis 12:3; Revelation 21:6-7)

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**Principle #2:** We should not fear wanting or lack in this life if we have Christ, because in Him we will inherit all things.

**Division 3:** When blindness is a sin.

Mark 8:1-26

(Additional Passage: Matthew 15:39-16:12; Ephesians 4:17-18)

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***Principle #3:** It is a sin to demand more of God than He has already. Demanding a "sign" from God to convince you to submit to Him is not faith, it is willful spiritual blindness.*