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Mark 7:1–5

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” (ESV)

Mark 4:11–12

And he said to them, “To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, so that

“they may indeed see but not perceive,
and may indeed hear but not understand,
lest they should turn and be forgiven.” (ESV)

Isaiah 6:9–10

And he said, “Go, and say to this people:

“‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’
Make the heart of this people dull,
and their ears heavy,
and blind their eyes;
lest they see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.” (ESV)

Mark 7:6–8

And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” (ESV)

Isaiah 29:13

And the Lord said:

“Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, (ESV)

Mark 7:9–13

And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)—then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.” (ESV)

Deuteronomy 5:16

“Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. (ESV)

Malachi 4:6

And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.” (ESV)

HYPOCRISY REVEALED

“The popular image of Christ as “gentle Jesus, meek and mild” simply will not do. It is a false image. Certainly, he was full of love, compassion and tenderness. But he was also uninhibited when it came to exposing error and denouncing sin, especially hypocrisy. Christ was a controversialist.”

John Stott

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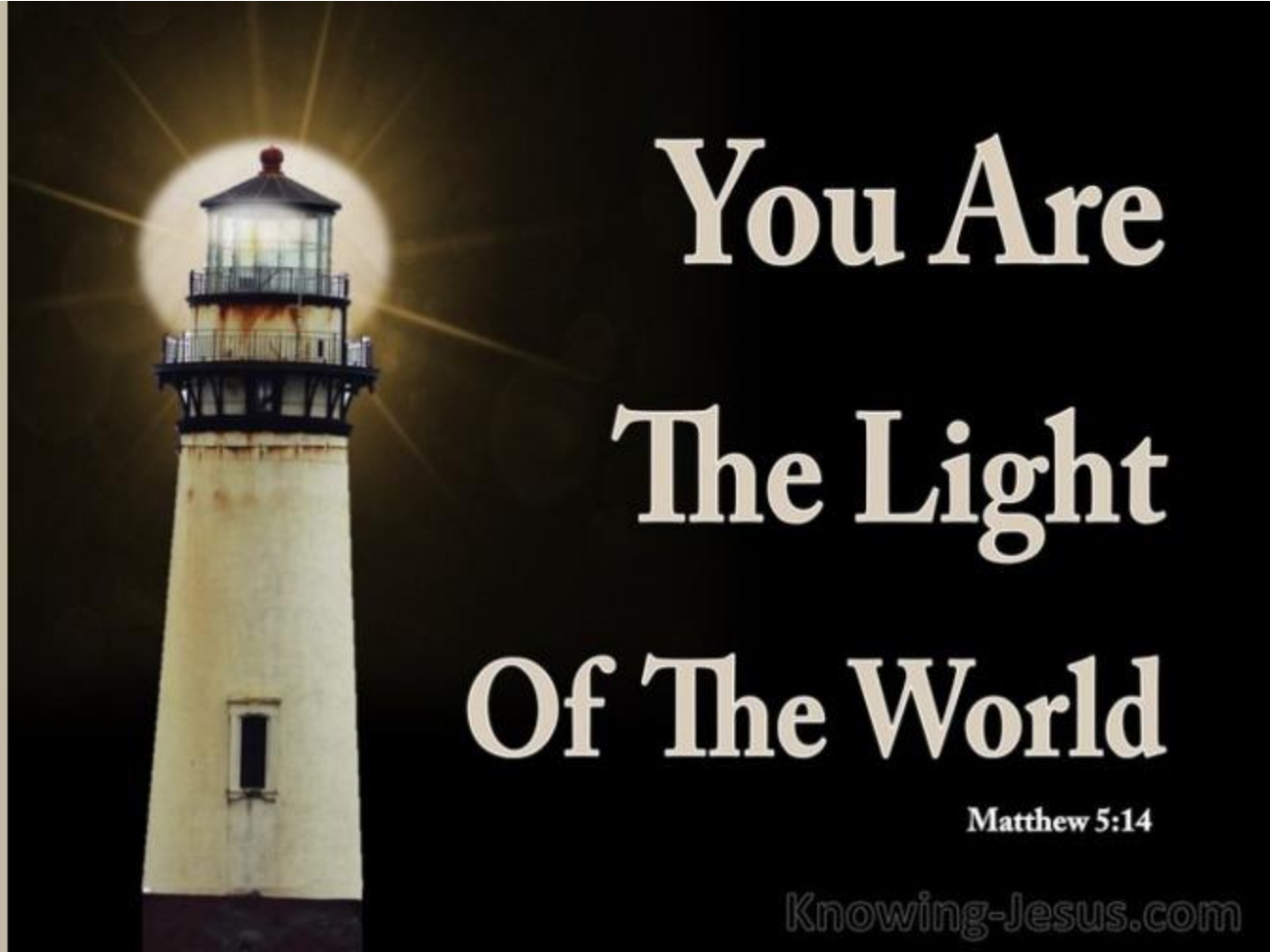
**LIGHT OF THE
WORLD?**



"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up
the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel;

**I WILL MAKE YOU AS A LIGHT FOR
THE NATIONS, THAT MY SALVATION MAY
REACH TO THE END OF THE EARTH."**

Isaiah 49:6



You Are The Light Of The World

Matthew 5:14

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**I AM THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD**

*He who follows
me will not walk
in the darkness,
but will have the
light of life.*

JOHN 8:12

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**HALLOWED BE
THY NAME**



**God is glorified not
only by His glory
being seen, but by
its being rejoiced in.**

Rev.
Jonathan Edwards



If I, being what I am, can consider
that I am in some sense a Christian,
why should the different vices of
those people in the next pew prove
that their religion is mere hypocrisy
and convention?

— *C. S. Lewis* —


AZ QUOTES

ABUNDANT LIFE



"For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

MATTHEW 11:30



The man who is poor in spirit
desires and says with his whole
heart, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy
kingdom come, Thy will be done, as
in heaven, so on earth. It is as
though he himself disappears;
everywhere and in everything he
wishes to see God-in himself and in
others. 'Let everything by Thine,
not mine.'

John of Kronstadt


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