

*"⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the traditions of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?" ⁶ He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules." ⁸ **You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.**" ⁹ And he continued, "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!" ¹⁰ For Moses said, "Honour your father and Mother," and, "Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death." ¹¹ But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God) – ¹² then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. ¹³ Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that." (Mark 7.5-13)*

- **The Reformation and the Bible** e.g. 2 Tim.3
- **Roman Catholic traditions** e.g. the Pope
- **Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556):** the BCP and the 39 Articles

1. You let go of God's Word to observe your traditions! (6-8)

2. You nullify God's Word to observe your traditions! (9-13)

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Coffee Question!

How do we nullify God's Word?