

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8.

Moses urges the people to keep the Law in its fullness.

Second Reading: James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27.

We have received the Word of God; we must act upon it.

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

Jesus warns against putting aside the commandments of God and clinging to human traditions.



Points for Reflection

This Sunday's **Gospel** presents Jesus teaching the Apostles how to behave morally in their lives.

1. They should not follow the example of the Pharisees, who thought they were serving God perfectly in adding many extra details to the Law and in keeping these minute observances. More than being concerned about the observance of human traditions, Jesus' disciples should try their best to keep their minds and hearts united with God, the Lawgiver.
2. Jesus makes it clear that we are bad or good not primarily on account of what we do, but on account of what we are. If we are "externally" perfect (we keep traditions, rules and regulations), but our hearts are

far from God, we are not upright people. Uprightness depends on one's personal and intimate relationship with God. And for us Christians, God has the face of Christ. As long as we live Christ-like lives, we can be sure of being united with God. All our efforts, therefore, should be put into making Jesus our Lord the centre of our lives.

3. It is true that, as St James puts it in his Letter (**Second Reading**), we should be doers of the Word, and not hearers only: faith, without actions, is dead. Our actions, however, should be the genuine expression of our inner union with God, the spontaneous manifestation of our sincere gratitude to him for his infinite love for us.



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Kids' Corner

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