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Blind Leading the Blind

Luke 6:39

And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?

To properly interpret any parable, the Bible needs to interpret the Bible.

Who is the person who CAN see? Who is the person who is NOT blind?

"Seeing" (not being blind) is causally related to knowing and practicing the law of God

Psalm 119:18

Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.

Ezekiel 44:5

And the Lord said to me, "Son of man, mark well, see with your eyes and hear with your ears, all that I say to you concerning all the ordinances of the house of the Lord and all its laws.

Who is the person who CAN'T see? Who is the person who IS blind?

Ignoring the Law of God as written by Moses is causally related to being blind:

Ezekiel 22:26

Her priests have violated My law and profaned My holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known the difference between the unclean and the clean; and they have **hidden their eyes** from My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them.

So why was our Messiah referring to the Pharisees as blind? Didn't the Pharisees observe the Law of God?

No, they didn't.

They knew the Law of God, but their focus was on obeying the commandments of men built around the

Law of God.

They observed their own traditions which were contrary to the Word of God.

They set aside the law of God with the traditions of men.

They made Moses of no effect through their traditions.

And guess what, making Moses of no effect...well, our Messiah said that was a very bad thing to do...

Mark 7:1-13

Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches.

Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?"

He answered and 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. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."

He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban"—' (that is, a gift to God), then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

And Matthew 23:1-3

Then (Yeshua) Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.

John 8:39

They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus (Yeshua) said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham.

So, what did Abraham do?

Genesis 26:5

...because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.

We hope that this blesses you and encourages you to seek out the Truth of the WHOLE Word of God, and test the doctrines of men that have made the Word of God, the Law of God, as written by Moses, of no effect...just like the Pharisees.

Remember, continue to test everything.

Shalom

We pray you have been blessed by this teaching. Remember, continue to test everything. Shalom! For more on this and other teachings, please visit us at <u>www.testeverything.net</u>

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