

~ **WHO SAYS** ~

Matthew 21:23-25a

INTRODUCTION: The counter question that Jesus asked during His debate with the delegation from the Sanhedrin regarding John's baptism, which we looked at over two Sundays, could be asked of many modern day religious practices – Are they from Heaven, or, are they from man? "You must have your children baptized." - "Who says?" - "By what authority are you saying this?" "The only acceptable day to worship God is on the Sabbath, Saturday." "Who says?" "A true Bible believing Christian must tithe at least one tenth of his income." "Who says?" "A Christian must be a member of a local church in order to serve in the church." "Who says?" There is no end of the different things that people are told they must do or believe in order to be saved, or if they are saved they must do or believe in order to be seen as a good Christian walking in fellowship with God and "His people". "Godly informed Christians read only the KJV." To this I give a BIG "Who says?" This morning I hope to give some guidelines as to how one can know whether a particular practice, tradition, or belief is from Heaven, or from man.

A. A THING IS FROM MAN IF...

1. IT IS BASED ONLY ON WHAT MY _____ SAY

2. IT IS BASED ONLY ON WHAT THE _____ SAYS

3. IT IS BASED ONLY UPON _____ AND _____

4. IT IS BASED ONLY UPON WHAT THE _____ THINKS

5. IT IS BASED ONLY UPON _____

6. IT IS BASED ONLY UPON HUMAN _____

7. IT IS BASED ONLY UPON THE _____

B. FOR A THING TO BE FROM HEAVEN...

1. IT MUST COME FROM _____

2. IT MUST COME THROUGH HIS _____

CONCLUSION: