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1. What does the Bible say about the proud?

2. Christian says to Formalist and Hypocrisy, “You come in by yourselves without his direction, and shall go out by yourselves without his mercy.” In a Bible dictionary, look up the word *mercy*. Write its definition.

3. Read Exodus 33:18–20; Psalm 119:132; Proverbs 28:13; Isaiah 55:7; Romans 9 and Ephesians 2:3–5. Toward whom does God extend His mercy?

4. Formalist and Hypocrisy thought they would have access to the Celestial City because others before them had also gone over the wall. If a practice is repeated often enough, eventually it becomes “tradition” whether or not it is biblical. Find a copy of the soundtrack to *Fiddler on the Roof* and listen to the song entitled “Tradition.” Think about the practices, teachings or traditions that you have accepted and now practice. Which of these are truly biblical and which are not based on the teachings of Scripture?

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5. What is the ultimate end of those who try to gain eternal life by making up their own rules?

6. How would you respond to those who are relying on tradition to get them access to Heaven?

7. How do difficulties “sift” those who are (supposedly) on their way to the Celestial City?

8. Formalist and Hypocrisy say that Christian was given the coat on his back to “hide the shame of thy nakedness.” Read Genesis 1–3. Why is there shame in nakedness; and thus, why do we wear clothes? (See also www.AnswersInGenesis.org/Clothing.)
