



Know the Scripture and Know the Power of God

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Mark 12:18-27, 41-44

Sermon Outline

- I. A Problem with Submission (vv. 18-27)
- II. A Parable of Devotion (vv. 41-44)
- III. A Practical Confession

Outline of Mark

- I. Prologue (1:1-13)
- II. Three Discipleship Cycles (1:14-8:21)
- III. Three Passion Predictions (8:22-10:52)
- IV. Passion Narrative (11:1-16:8)

Mark 12 Chiastic Structure

A. (vv. 1-9) Parable of the Wicked Tenants

B. (vv. 10-12) Citing a Messianic Psalm & Reaction of the Pharisees

C. (vv. 13-17) Love for God vs. Love for Caesar

D. (vv. 18-27) Failure to Understand the Word & the Power of God

C'. (vv. 28-34) Love for God & Love for Neighbor

B'. (vv. 35-37) Citing a Messianic Psalm & Reaction of the Crowds

A'. (vv. 38-40) Warning Against Scribes & Pharisees

Conclusion - (vv. 41-44) The Widow's Offering as an Example of Devotion

Sermon Main Points

I. A Problem with Submission (vv. 18-27)

The leaders' problem with Jesus is in their failure to acknowledge the reality of God.

II. A Parable of Devotion (vv. 41-44)

The widow's offering contrasts against the rejection of the leaders and is what God desires.

III. A Practical Confession

Acknowledge God's word and power by wholeheartedly offering all of your life to him.