Mark 12:35-44

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Mark 12:35–44 (ESV)[35]And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? [36]David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared, “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.” ’ [37]David himself calls him Lord. So how is he be his son?” And the great throng heard him gladly. [38]And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces [39]and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, [40]who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” [41]And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. [42]And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. [43]And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. [44]For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.

Psalm 110:1–4 (ESV)[1]The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” [2]The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! [3]Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. [4]The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

The Incarnation

John 1:1–3 (ESV)[1]In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2]He was in the beginning with God. [3]All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made… and the Word became flesh (John 1:14).

Colossians 2:9–10 (ESV)[9]For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, [10]and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Acts 2:34–36 (ESV) [34]For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, [35]until I make your enemies your footstool.” ’ [36]Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Romans 1:3–4 (ESV)[3]concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh [4]and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

A Higher Standard

James 3:1 (ESV)[1]Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

1 Peter 5:1–4 (ESV)[1]So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: [2]shepherd the flock of God that is among

you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; [3]not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Deuteronomy 16:17 (ESV)[17]Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

Matthew 6:19–21 (ESV)[19]"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, [20]but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. [21]For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Mark 12:17 (ESV)[17]Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him.

2 Corinthians 9:7–8 (ESV)[7]Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. [8]And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

Philippians 4:19 (ESV)[19]And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Questions to Ponder

1. In conclusion of today's sermon and referenced scriptures, what is God impressing upon you today?

2. What is the Incarnation of Jesus and why is it important?

3. In thinking about your relationship and walk with Christ, are you more prone to serve or be served? Does a change need to take place (if so, ask the Lord to help you make this change)?

4. When you bring your tithes and offerings, what does Jesus notice about your heart and motive in giving?