

He Sees Your Sacrifice, Servant-heart, & Full Surrender
Mark 12:41-44

Mother's Day – Sun 12th May 2024

Intro:

- Happy Mother's Day! Mothers, Grand-mothers, Spiritual Mothers, Spiritual Grandmothers ... We are amazed by you & are so thankful for you!
 - When I think of my wife, the most amazing mother I know, I can't help but be amazed by her constant acts of service, and countless moments of sacrifice
 - E.g. – One day when she wasn't there! It was a disaster & I was exhausted!
 - Ladies, we are amazed by you, your constant acts of service & countless moments of sacrifice
 - I want to tell you, Jesus sees your sacrifice & he sees your servant heart
 - Turn with me to Mark 12:41-44
 - 6 Quick-Fire S's that He Sees!
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(1) He Sees Her Setting & Sacrifice (v41-42)

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- o He Sees Her Setting: 'Jesus sat down ... and watched ... a poor widow'
- o He Sees Her Sacrifice: 'and watched ... a poor widow ... put in two very small copper coins'
- o E.g. Story of Nuns in an Irish Convent ☺
- o MTR: He Sees All Things: He Sees Your Setting & He Sees All Those Sacrifices

(2) He Sees Her Soul & Servant-heart (v43-44a)

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- o He Sees Her Soul: Cf. He knows man's hearts / Rich 'gave out of their wealth' / She out of her poverty, put in everything
- o He Sees Her Servant-heart: Mark is presenting Jesus as the ultimate servant & portraying varying responses
 - In contrast to the rich & religious leaders who were serving self, this lady is a servant of God
 - E.g. Difference between a helper & a servant

(3) He Sees Her Stewardship & Full Surrender (v44b)

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- o How? How did she get to the place of servanthood? Stewardship!
 - Cf. context – 4 stunning sections: You were made in God's image / You belong to God / You are Commanded to Love Him completely / Knowing Jesus is Declared to be Greater Than All
 - Mark is challenging his readers to steward all they have for King Jesus
- o And as a result he sees her full surrender
 - "all she had to live on"
 - E.g. Child in Donegal stepping into the basket – here I am, I fully surrender

HP: Jesus Sees Your Sacrifice, Servant-Heart & Full Surrender!

We love you & Jesus Loves You Too.

FOLLOW

JESUS THROUGH THE BOOK OF MARK

PART 3: FOLLOW THE FAITHFULNESS OF JESUS



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CONTRASTS BETWEEN A HELPER AND A SERVANT

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">● A helper helps others when it is convenient.● A helper helps people that he or she likes.● A helper helps when he or she enjoys the work.● A helper helps with a view to obtaining personal satisfaction.● A helper helps when others notice, or there is public recognition.● A helper helps with an attitude of assisting another.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● A servant serves others even when it is inconvenient.● A servant serves even people that he or she dislikes.● A servant serves even when he or she dislikes the work.● A servant serves even when he or she receives no personal satisfaction.● A servant serves when no one notices, and there is no public recognition.● A servant serves with an attitude of enabling another.

(3) HE SEES HER STEWARDSHIP & FULL SURRENDER (V44B)

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4 STUNNING SECTIONS:

You were made in God's image (12:13-18)

You belong to God (12:18-27)

You are commanded to love Him completely (12:28-34)

Jesus is declared to be greater than all (12:35-37)

JESUS SEES YOUR SACRIFICE, SERVANT-HEART & FULL
SURRENDER!