The Gospel of Mark-Christ the Servant

- Lesson 24 -

Mark 12:28-44	Your Personal Notes:
"28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them	<u> </u>
reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them	
well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?	
29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments	
is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:	
30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and	
with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength:	
this is the first commandment.	
31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy	
neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment	
greater than these.	
32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said	
the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:	
33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the	
understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength,	
and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole	
burnt offerings and sacrifices.	
34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said	
unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no	
man after that durst ask him any question.	
35 And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple,	
How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David?	
36 For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to	
my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy	
footstool.	
37 David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he	
then his son? And the common people heard him gladly.	
38 And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes,	
which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the	
marketplaces,	
39 And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:	
40 Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long	
prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.	
41 And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the	
people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich	
cast in much.	
42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two	
mites, which make a farthing.	
43 And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them,	
Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in,	
than all they which have cast into the treasury:	
14 For all they did east in of their abundance; but she of her	

want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

Spurgeon's Notes on Mark

- **12:37** They could not answer that riddle, but we can. We know Jesus is both David's son and David's Lord.
- 12:38-40 We often hear foolish people say, "You must always preach in love and not say anything against anybody. Jesus did not denounce anybody." Then what about this denunciation of the scribes? Were Jesus here today he would not be the soft-shelled creature some people want us to be. He had a backbone and a conscience—and a heavy right hand—and he brought that hand down like a sledgehammer on hypocrisy and error. And if we would be like Christ, we must be bold and outspoken.

They tell us this in order that we may easily glide through the world and that all may speak well of us. But so did their fathers to the false prophets. Are we to suppose that those of us who preach God's Word are going to keep back any part of our testimony because it will bring us into ill repute with the ungodly? God forbid! We live for something higher and nobler than being fed on the breath of evil persons. If there is error in high places, if there is vice anywhere, it is the duty of the servant of Christ, in his Master's name, to attack it with all his might. The truth of God must still be spoken, whoever may be offended by it.

12:43 - Christ measures what we give by what we have left—by the proportion it bears to what we possess.