

THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN

MARK 12:35-44

➤ Jesus _____

Verses 35-37; see also Psalm 110:1; Jeremiah 33:15; John 7:42; Revelation 22:16

➤ God _____

Verses 38-40; see also 1 Samuel 16:7; Matthew 6:5; 23:3, 5, 28; Luke 16:15

➤ God _____

Verses 41-44; see also Luke 14:33; 1 Corinthians 13:3; 2 Corinthians 8:2-5, 12; 9:6-8

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Whose approval matters most to you? What recent experiences confirm that you want this person's approval?
2. Read Mark 12:35-37. What point do you think Jesus is making?
3. Read Mark 12:38-40 and Matthew 23:1-28. What was most offensive to Jesus about the teachers of the law? Are there any ways in which your public image does not harmonize with your true character? If so, how are you being hypocritical?
4. Read Mark 12:41-44. What is the principle of giving in this passage? Are you more like the wealthy people or the widow in your giving habits?
5. Based on Mark 12:38-44, how do you think God feels about you? What emotions does your behavior elicit in Him?