

WORSHIPING ON THE LORD'S DAY

March 6, 2016

Worship, as God intended, is a supernatural event. As we enter into this service of worship, we cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon, from the profane to the holy. Prepare yourself therefore for this most holy convocation!

Prelude

Worship Theme

God is our Rock

Psalm 89:26-29: "He will cry to Me, 'Thou art my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.' I also shall make him *My* first-born, the highest of the kings of the earth. My lovingkindness I will keep for him forever, and My covenant shall be confirmed to him. So I will establish his descendants forever, and his throne as the days of heaven."

God Calls us to Worship Before the Cross Ps. 18:2-3a

+We Adore Him

Hymn #175, "A Wonderful Savior"

We Confess Our Sin

Eternal Father! You are good beyond all thoughts; but we are vile, wretched, miserable, and blind. Our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel, and our ways reluctant to amend. We bring our souls to You; break them, wound them, bend them, and mold them. Unmask to us sin's deformity, that we may hate it, abhor it, and flee from it. Our faculties have been a weapon of revolt against You; as rebels we have misused our strength, and served the foul adversary of Your kingdom. Give us grace to bewail our insensate folly, grant us to know that the way of transgressors is hard, that evil paths are wretched paths, that to depart from You is to lose all good.

We have seen the purity and beauty of Your perfect law, the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns, and the calm dignity of the walk to which it calls. Yet we daily violate and condemn its precepts. Your loving Spirit strives within us, brings us Scripture warnings, speaks in startling providences, and allures by secret whispers. Yet we choose devices and desires to our own hurt, impiously resent, grieve, and provoke Him to abandon us.

All these sins we mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon.

Work in us more profound and abiding repentance; give us the fullness of a godly grief that trembles and fears, yet ever trusts and loves, which is ever powerful, and ever confident; grant that through the tears of repentance we may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross. In Christ's name we pray. Amen!

We Thank Him For His Forgiveness

Hymn #522, "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

God Calls us to Worship Thru Dedication

Ps. 18:4-6

We Give Him Our Offering & Concerns

We Give Him Ourselves

Hymn #28, "O God, The Rock Of Ages"

God Calls us to Worship Thru Fellowship

Ps. 18:30-31

We Read His Word

Sermon

*We Partake Of The Lord's Supper

Hymn #12, "Exalt The Lord"

Psalm 135:1-7, 21

God Blesses us in the Benediction

Welcome and Announcements

Postlude

(Containers have been placed at the front for communion cups and small trash)

+You are invited to raise your hands during the prayer of adoration.

*Visitors, please see note below on the Lord's Supper.

Biblical Piety: Serving the Lord with all Your Mite
Study Notes for March 6, 2016
 Mark 12:41-44

I. Introduction

A. A Building Drive and a False Sense of Piety

B. Biblical Piety: not what you do, but whose you are! Not the outside of the cup, but the inside (Mt. 9:36; Ps. 51:17; 1 Pet. 1:15; Rom. 6:13; 2 Cor. 8:5)...

II. Biblical Piety: Serving the Lord with all Your Mite, Mk. 12:41-44.

A. The Setting, v. 41a.

This would have occurred in the Court of Women. Recall that the Temple mount was divided into three areas...

The Court of the Gentiles

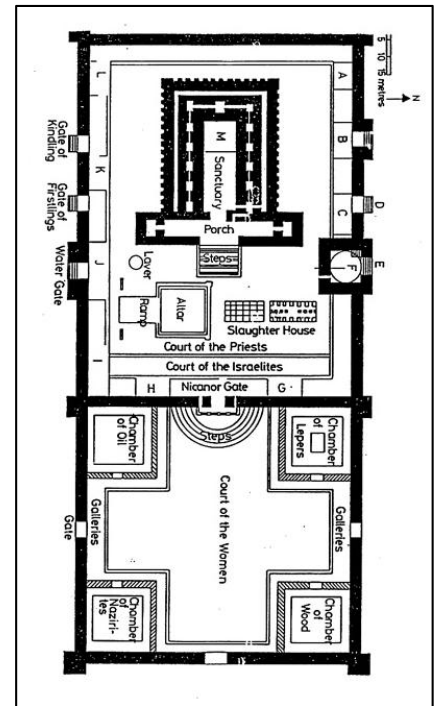
The Court of Women

The Court of the Israelites



Based on the Mishnah, we know a little of what Christ was observing in this passage. According to these sources, there was a particular order that the people were to follow as they contributed to these chests or trumpets...

1. Trumpets #1 and #2 were for the TEMPLE-TRIBUTE of the current and past year.
2. Trumpet #3 was for those who could only afford a TURTLEDOVE for a burnt-offering or sin-offering.
3. Trumpet #4 was for those who could only afford a YOUNG PIGEON.
4. Trumpet #5 was for the WOOD used in the Temple.
5. Trumpet #6 was for the INCENSE.
6. Trumpet #7 was for the care and upkeep of the GOLDEN VESSELS.
7. Trumpets #8-13 were destined for what was LEFT OVER after all required offerings were given.



B. The Sacrifices, vv. 41b-42.

The Widow's Mite- A Lepta

The World's Mite

C. The Significance, vv. 43-44.

The Sacrifice of Convenience

The Sacrifice of Love

***Where We Live**

1. What is God Interested in when it comes to us?
2. David's False Sense of Success and the Trouble it Cause Him
3. The Question of both Time and Eternity: "Are you serving the Lord with all your mite?"
4. The Cost of Such a Sacrifice: Penichros (πενιχρός) vs. Ptōchos (πτωχός)