

Mar. 27 - Scripture: Luke 20: 27-47

A verse that speaks to you: verse 46-Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets.

Observation: Jesus gives this warning to the people after he answers the Sadducees' ridiculous question about the afterlife. Don't worry Pastor Jeff and Elmer; I'm pretty sure Jesus' words apply to all of us; not just our teachers. In this passage, Jesus is calling attention to the hypocrisy on full display by the religious leaders of the time. They excelled at making themselves look good, not at demonstrating God's love or His character. Jesus concludes this passage by telling them that these type of men will be punished severely.

Application: I sometimes wish this passage only applied to our teachers. It's so much easier to find fault with others than myself. I know that Jesus is challenging all of us to not only examine our leaders' actions and motivation but also our own. How easy it is to start feeling a little too "proud" about the good we do. Isn't it nice when people notice us and better yet when they call attention to us in public? That's the same character flaw Jesus was warning the people about here. As we draw closer to Jesus and experience His love for us our desire becomes focused more on Him and less on ourselves.

Prayer: Lord Jesus: Help me to examine my own motives for serving You. Let my love for you grow so that my greatest joy in this life is bringing Glory to Your name. Help me to decrease so that You may increase. In Your Name Jesus, AMEN.

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