

Study Guide on Matthew 23:2-12 & Mark 12:38-44

New American Standard Bible

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Matthew 23:2-12 & Mark 12:38-44

(Matthew 23:2) saying: “The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses;

(Matthew 23:3) therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things and do not do them.

(Matthew 23:4) “They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger.

(Matthew 23:5) “But they do all their deeds to be noticed by men; for they broaden their phylacteries and lengthen the tassels of their garments.

(Matthew 23:6) “They love the place of honor at banquets and the chief seats in the synagogues,

(Matthew 23:7) and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called Rabbi by men.

(Matthew 23:8) “But do not be called Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers.

(Matthew 23:9) “Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

(Matthew 23:10) “Do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, that is, Christ.

(Matthew 23:11) “But the greatest among you shall be your servant.

(Matthew 23:12) “Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.

(Mark 12:38) In His teaching He was saying: “Beware of the scribes who like to walk around in long robes, and like respectful greetings in the market places,

(Mark 12:39) and chief seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets,

(Mark 12:40) who devour widows’ houses, and for appearance’s sake offer long prayers; these will receive greater condemnation.”

(Mark 12:41) And He sat down opposite the treasury, and began observing how the people were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums.

(Mark 12:42) A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent.

(Mark 12:43) Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury;

(Mark 12:44) for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on.”

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?