I. FIRST, JESUS POINTS OUT THEIR PRETENSIONS.

A. In their clothes—38b.

B. In the way they were greeted—38c

C. In where they sat in the synagogue—39a

D. In where they sat at banquets—39b

E. Luke recorded a parable of Jesus about just such pretentious religious leaders.

SECOND, JESUS POINTS OUT THEIR PRACTICES.

A. Jesus’ point is their practices did not match their preaching or teaching—12:40a.

1. Widows and orphans were the most vulnerable people in their society.

2. The O.T. warns against taking advantage of them—Isa 10:2.

3. Since Scribes and Pharisees weren’t paid we don’t know how they might have been guilty.

B. Obviously their consciences weren’t bothered—12:40b.

C. Jesus pronounced severe punishment on these unscrupulous scribes—12:40c.

D. In Luke 12:48 Jesus elaborated on why scribes and others who do such things will be punished or judged—Luke 12:48.