

**PRACTICING WHAT YOU PREACH  
MARK 12:38-40 / MARCH 22, 2017 WED.**

**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.