

New Life Church Morning Worship
February 22, A.D. 2015
Mark 12 — The Living Sword, Part Three

Armed with hatred and snares, the wicked tenants have been relentless in their assault against the Heir of the Father's vineyard (Hebrews 1:2,4). They will succeed in killing Him. But by rising from the dead, He will be declared to be the Son with power according to the Spirit of holiness (Romans 1:4), and secure the rights of His justified co-heirs who trust in Him (Romans 8:16,17; Ephesians 3:6; Hebrews 9:14).

As the dark hour of His own death and the glorious morn of His death abolishing resurrection draw near, in His Father's providence He finds an occasion to give some clear instruction about the life to come. Compare it with His promised further instruction (John 16:12,13) through His Holy Spirit inspired apostle (1 Corinthians 15:35-58), and REJOICE!

- I. Verses 1-12, The vineyard owner and his tenants - *refer to message of February 1*
- II. Verses 13-17, An entrapment question about taxation - *refer to message of February 8*
- III. Verses 18-27, Another entrapment question about the resurrection - today's message**
- IV. Verses 28-34, A question from a "Berean" scribe
vs. 34, "...after that no one dared question Him." He now goes on offense!
- V. Verses 35-37, Jesus grills them about the Son of David
- VI. Verses 38-40, Jesus rebukes the scribes' hypocrisy
- VII. Verses 41-44, Jesus commends the sacrificial giving of the widow

Intro: Thank God, It's NOT in vain! (Cf. 1 Corinthians 15:14)

A. The Great Truth and the Old Joke

WCF 32 I-III, Hymnal p. 867. A few prooftexts – Genesis 3:19; Job 19:26,27; Ecclesiastes 12:7; Luke 23:43; Acts 3:21, 13:36, 24:15; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8, Philippians 1:23, 3:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Hebrews 12:23

B. Not Levite, not Nazirite, but Levirate

- 1. Culture shock
- 2. Their trickery apparent, in two ways

C. Not Taking away, but transcending

- 1. LIKE angels, not BECOME angels
- 2. NO marriage in heaven, but...

Concluding Warning to the Unbelieving