

## **The Religion of the Robber's Den**

*Luke 20:45-21:4*

### INTRODUCTION:

*God's heart for widows in the OT:*

Exodus 22:21-24; Deuteronomy 10:17-19; 14:28-29; 24:17-22; 27:19; Ruth!; Psalm 68:5; 94:1-7; 146:5-10; Proverbs 15:25; Isaiah 1:16-23; 10:1-4; Jeremiah 7:1-11; Zechariah 7:8-14.

*What is this passage (Luke 20:45-21:4) all about?*

Jesus' disciples must beware of the greedy religious leadership and temple religion which has abandoned God's providential care for the helpless to become rich on the backs of the helpless.

*God's heart for widows in the church?*

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 5:3-16; James 1:26-27

The disciples must beware of:

1. The greedy religious leaders deserving of a greater condemnation, 20:45-47.
2. The greedy religious system awaiting final destruction, 21:1-4 (and 21:6)!

APPLICATION:

1. The cross puts disciples on a path opposite self-exaltation, Lk 9:23ff; 1 Peter 5:5-7.
2. The cross gives disciples a heart and eye for God and His concerns, Js 1:26-27.