

Ponzi Scheme  
Mark 12:35-44

Introduction – Broken promises are common. The wise investor counts the cost of losing all before committing.

I. Preliminary investigation – vv. 35-37

- Christ reverses the situation with a simple question: How can Christ be both David's Lord and Son?
- Revealing the scribes limitations
- Messiah as God-Man: Incarnate God is David's Lord/ as Man, Christ was born in David's lineage/ descendant

II. Religions empty promises – vv. 38-40

- Long clothing – distinguished
- Salutations – position recognition
- Sky boxes – vaulted above the average
- Taking advantage of widows' estates – James 1:26-27
- Prayer appearances – Hypocrisy of intent
- All resulting in greater punishment

III. Wise investing – vv. 41-44

- God watches our giving
- Penny – smallest denomination
- Withheld nothing in poverty
- Amount is less a measurement than what is held back – Luke 21:1-4

Conclusion – She cast her all upon Jesus because she believed His promises. 1 Peter 5:6-7