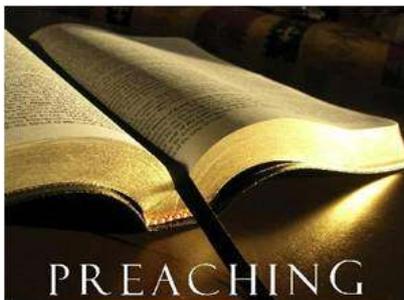


Preaching Dates

14 April 2019

Bill Haining (am) at
Footdee Mission Hall, Aberdeen
William Henry (am) at
Maryhill Evangelical Church, Glasgow
Arthur Jones (am) at
Vale of Leven Baptist Church, Alexandria
Charles Sommerville (am) at
Cumbernauld Baptist Church
Charles Sommerville (pm) at
Dykehead Mission
Paul Cairns (am + pm) at Islay Baptist
Church, Port Ellen am and Bowmore pm.



“Give Our All- Mark 12: 35-44”

By Graham Horne

I recently re-read this passage and was something that recently caught my eye. It was the widow who Jesus points out to the disciples. Jesus knows that she is not wealthy, far from it, she has nothing. Jesus knows this but can see what she puts into the treasury, her last two coins which are worth hardly anything at all. The small amount would not have brought anything at all. We can see that everyone else had put in a lot and this was also noted by Jesus.

People who would have noticed what was going into the treasury. The vast amounts going in would have impressed people who were observing. What is telling though, Jesus was not impressed by this. The reason for this is that the wealthy were only putting in small amounts of their vast fortune, they were not giving their all. The widow in comparison gave everything that she had, this was the last of her money and she decided to give to the treasury. We do not know what happened to this widow, but it is clear that she wanted to give to the Lord everything that she had.

In reading this small section there is a challenge for us. When we examine ourselves do we truly give our all to the Lord? I'm not just meaning monetary giving, but giving our all to the Lord. In everything we do it should be pleasing to God. Whether that is just a simple act of service in the church or helping a colleague at work, we should not be looking for praise for what we do. It is about giving our all and offering it to the Lord as part of our service to Him. In doing this we feel that we have done something good but also in doing it with the right heart and mind, then we are also pleasing God as well.