

Central Truth: We Must Avoid **Vain Religion!**

Ezekiel 33:31 and Matthew 15:7-9

1- Vain Religion **Elevates** Man not **God**: Mk. 12:38-40

God Is **Used**: Mark 12:38, 40, Matt. 15:9

Desire For **Man's Praise**: Mk. 12:38-39, John 12:42-43, Colossians 3:23-24

Willing to **Abuse** the **Weak**: Mk.12:40

Clothed in **Self Righteousness**.

Warning: There Is Greater Punishment In Vain Religion

2- Vain Religion's **Victims**: Mk. 12:41-44

The **Money** Driven System: Vv. 41

Giving is Good: Prov. 11:25, Luke 6:38, 2 Cor. 9:6-8

Different **Levels** of Harm: Vv. 41, 42

The **Worst** to the **Least**: Vv. 40, 42-44

Ezekiel 34:1-10

James 1:21-27

Questions:

Do I Have a Religion?

Do I Rest in God's Love?

Why Do I Do What I Do?

Is God's Love Evident in My Life?