

Luke 21:1-4 **Widow's Mites**

¹ And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, ² and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. ³ So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; ⁴ for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ God watches what goes into the Treasury of the House of God. [Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4]
- ✧ He is most interested in the gift of the heart.
- ✧ The degree of sacrifice on the part of the giver determines the value of the gift.
- ✧ This is, because it demonstrates the love for God and commitment in the heart of the giver.

✧ God is not impressed with the size of the gift, but in the condition of the heart.

✧ In the same line, we find God saying:

²¹ "I hate, I despise your feast days, And I do not savor your sacred assemblies.

²² Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them, Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings.

²³ Take away from Me the noise of your songs, For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments.

²⁴ But let **justice** run down like water, And **righteousness** like a mighty stream.

NKJV [Amos 5:21-24]

✧ And again He said:

¹⁶ For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.

¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a **broken spirit**, A **broken and a contrite heart**-- These, O God, You will not despise. [Psalm 51:16-17] NKJV

For I desire **mercy** and not sacrifice, And the **knowledge of God** more than burnt offerings. [Hosea 6:6] NKJV

⁶ With what shall I come before the LORD, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

⁸ He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you

But to **do justly**, To **love mercy**, And to **walk humbly with your God**? [Micah 6:6-8] NKJV