





deeper discipleship



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

MARK 12:38-44

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**38** In His teaching He was saying:

“Beware of the scribes who like to walk around in long robes, and like respectful greetings in the market places, **39** and chief seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets, **40** who devour

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widows' houses, and for appearance's sake offer long prayers; these will receive greater condemnation." 41 And He sat down opposite the treasury, and began observing how the people were putting money into the treasury; and

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many rich people were putting in large sums. **42** A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. **43** Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the

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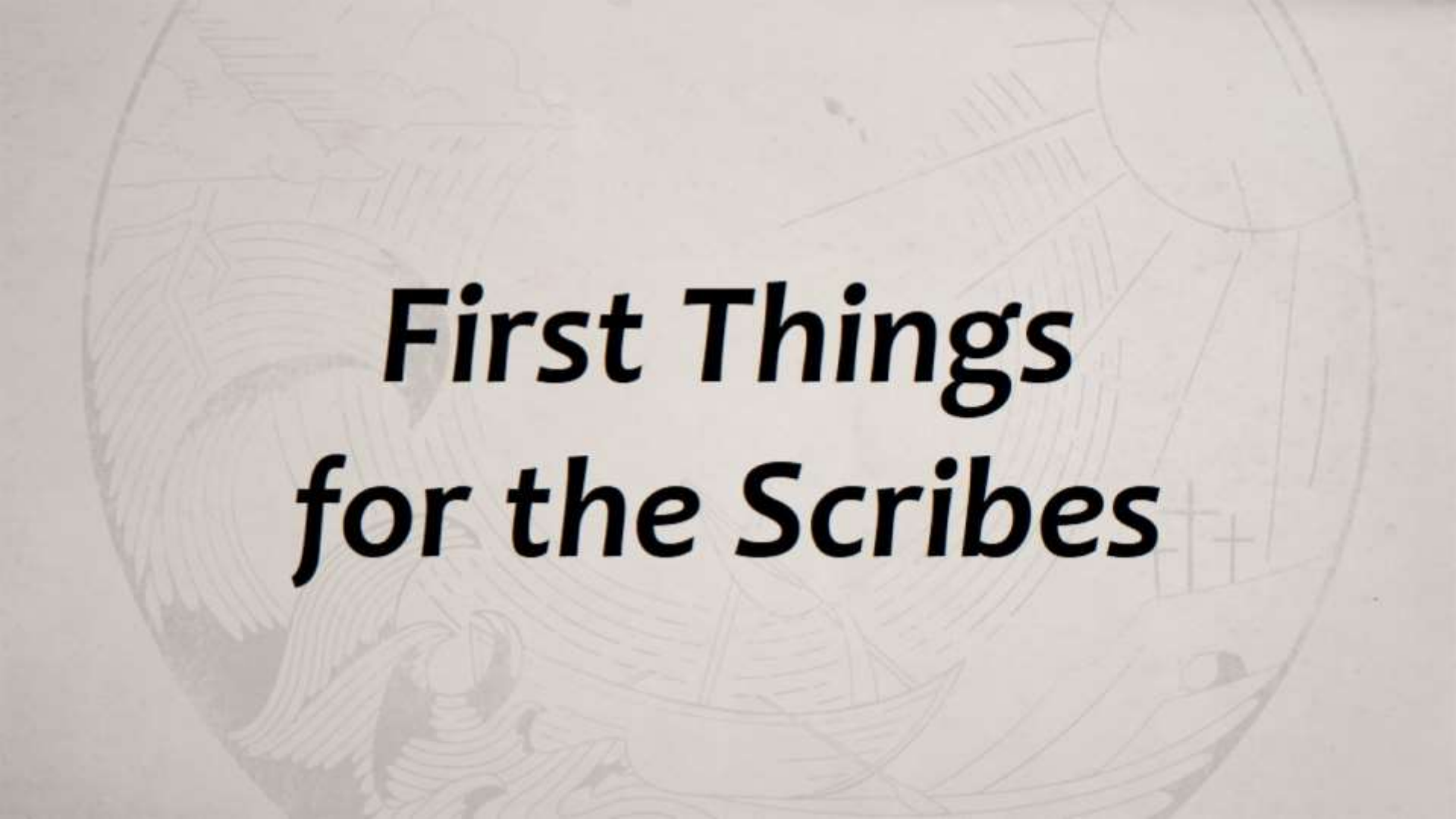
contributors to the treasury; **44** for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on.”



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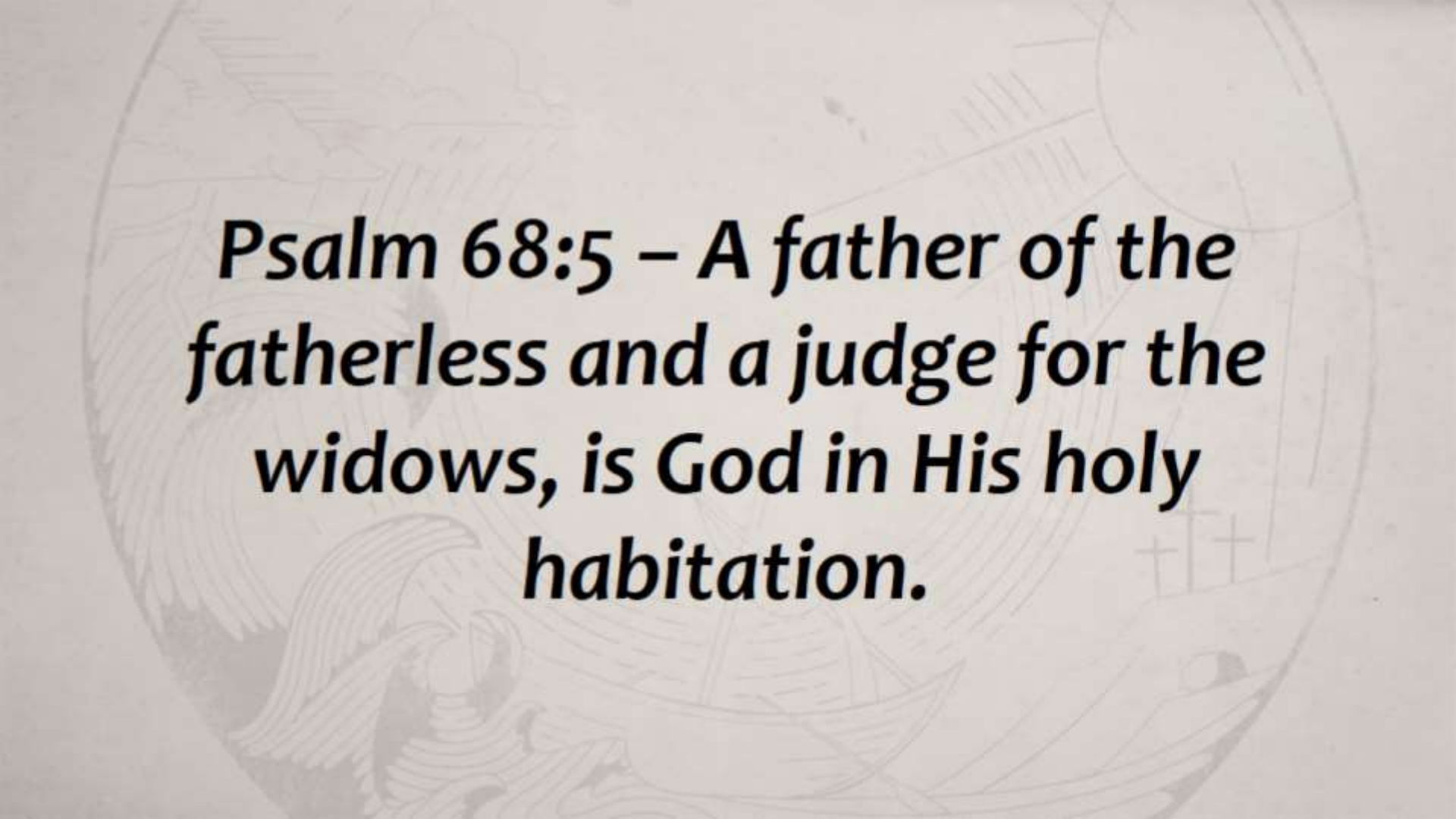
***First Things  
for the Scribes***

The background features a faint, light-colored illustration of a globe. On the left side of the globe, there are stylized waves. On the right side, a ship is visible, sailing towards the right. The globe is marked with latitude and longitude lines.

***First Things  
for the Scribes:  
Status***



***First Things  
for the Scribes:  
Money***

A faint, circular background illustration of Noah's Ark with animals and a rainbow. The ark is shown with various animals, including birds and a lion, and a rainbow is visible in the sky above the vessel. The entire scene is rendered in a light, sketchy style.


**Psalm 68:5 – A father of the  
fatherless and a judge for the  
widows, is God in His holy  
habitation.**

**Isaiah 10:1-2 – 1 Woe to those who enact  
evil statutes and to those who constantly  
record unjust decisions, 2 So as to deprive  
the needy of justice and rob the poor of My  
people of their rights, so that widows may  
be their spoil and that they may plunder  
the orphans.**

***James 1:27 – Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit the orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.***

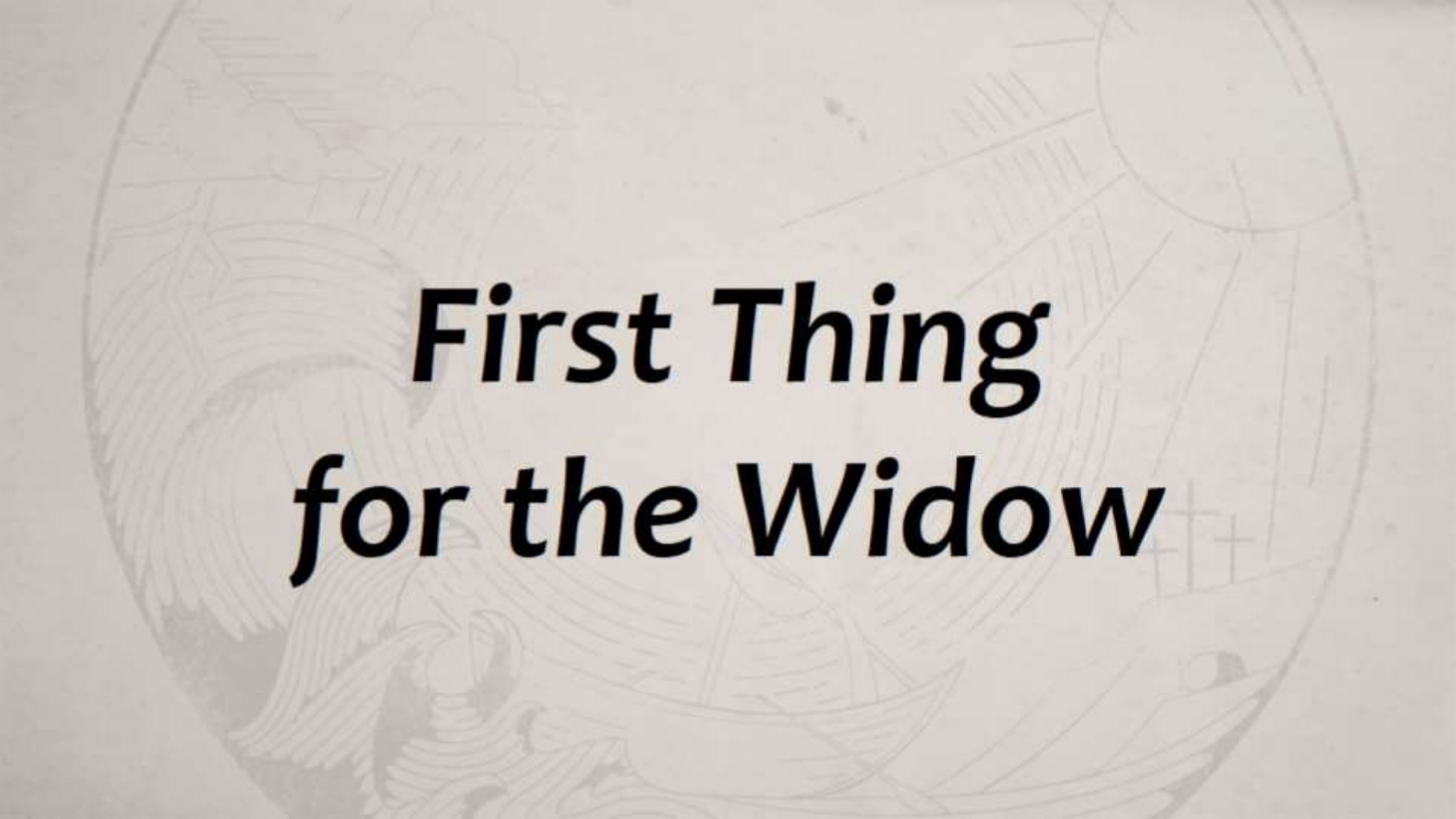
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***First Things  
for the Scribes:  
Money***

The background features a faint, circular illustration of a globe. On the left side of the globe, a ship is depicted sailing on wavy lines representing water. On the right side, a quill pen is shown. The globe is marked with various lines and symbols, including a cross in the upper right quadrant.

***First Things  
for the Scribes:  
Appearance***





***First Thing  
for the Widow***



***First Thing  
for the Widow:  
Devotion to God***




IN GOD WE TRUST



***First Thing  
for the Widow:  
Devotion to God***

**2 Corinthians 8:2 - that in a great  
ordeal of affliction their  
abundance of joy and their deep  
poverty overflowed in the wealth  
of their liberality.**



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***First Things  
for Us?***



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