



# FAIR-FIELDER

*Catch what was said in the sermon?*

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It is a collective **family waste** (2) of money.

This illustrates the **conundrum** that we see in contemporary church life.

The question comes down to **religiosity** or **righteousness**.

They did **ritual** and religion; they did not do **justice** and righteousness.

Righteousness was not to be a **seasonal** affair.

Worse, it's a **mockery** of God.

The chief priests and elders knew they were **trapped**.

You couldn't have **independent actors** (2) coming on the scene.

That's quite a **damning** statement for them to hear.

We get the same kind of thing in Jesus' **ambivalence** toward the **Temple**.

In fact, they get **self-righteous** *because* they're so good at **ritual** and **tradition**.

... Because God's justice and righteousness are not often **welcome** in the world.