

**LEARNING WITH LUKE 20:19-26 “TIME TO RENDER?”** P. 1045 PEW BIBLE

Luke 20:19-26 - They asked Him, “Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?” But He perceived their craftiness, and said to them, “Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?”

They said, “Caesar’s.” He said to them, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ...marveling at His answer, they became silent.

*Pharisees represented cautious resistance to Rome, and hated Jesus for disrupting their religious agenda. Herodians represented wholesale accommodation to Rome, and hated Jesus for threatening their political arrangements. -RK Hughes*

Matt 22:15-20 - entrap, Mark 12:13-17 - entangle, Mark 3:6 - destroy

**1- TRYING TO TRAP CHRIST? - insincerity & deceitfulness**

Luke 19:47-48 - destroy

Luke 20:19-20 - deliver

Prov 26:28, 29:5, Psa 12:3, 55:21, Lev 19:15

*What the spies said about Jesus was true. But if they believed a fraction of what they said, they would also have known that Jesus saw right through their facade, as they lied through their teeth. -SB Ferguson*

**2- THE TRIBUTE TO CAESAR? - insurrection or subjection**

Luke 20:22-23 - the poll tax

Luke 2:1-7 - census taxation

Exodus 20:4 - icon likeness

*Jesus' answer will either put Him at odds with Rome, which viewed refusal to pay as a criminal act, or at odds with the Jews who resent taxes as subjugation of God's covenant people to a pagan Gentile empire. -RC Sproul*

**3- THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S! - unexpected reality check**

Luke 20:24-25 - obedience

Gen 1:26-27, Rom 2:14-16

Psa 24:1, 50:9-12 - Mine

Psa 22:25, 56:12, 55:13, 116:18

Heb 1:2-3, 4:14-16 - the Son

*Christians must obey, unless government commands what God forbids, or forbids what God commands. -RC Sproul*

*We must resist when asked to violate a command of God, commit an immoral act, or go against conscience. -RK Hughes*

*We must obey God not men, even to death if necessary in necessary matters. Non-violently resist tyranny. -J.McDurmon*

**4- TODAY'S RESPONSE? - your personal responsibility**

Luke 20:26 - marveling

Mark 1:15 - repentance

Rom 12:1-2 - responsibility

Rom 13:1-7 - what is owed

1 Pet 2:9-17, Titus 3:1-8 - will

1 Tim 2:1-2 - prayers up for all

Acts 4:5-17, 5:27-32 - obey God

1 Pet 3:13-17 - good conscience

John 15:18-16:4,33 - overcome

Philippians 3:12-21 - citizens

*The narrative theme is the greater (divine) sovereign authority of heaven versus (derived) earthly authority, and the inability of the Jewish religious and political authorities to tell the difference. -J.McDurmon*

*All men bear God's image (moral likeness) and inscription (moral conscience). All are God's coinage. All belong wholly to God, who owns all things. We are to render to Him all that He is due, with all our lives. -J.McDurmon*

*Honor, love, obedience, faith, fear, prayer, spiritual worship, are all payments which are due to God, despite the attempts of the civil power to control men's conscience by intolerant interference. -JC Ryle*

**DAILY BIBLE READING ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY~WORLD**

10-17 **Luke 20:19-26** - render to God

10-18 **Acts 4:5-27, 5:27-32** - obey God

10-19 **Rom 12:1-2(21)** - living sacrifice

10-20 **Rom 13:1-7(14)** - what is owed

10-21 **1 Pet 3:13-17** - good conscience

10-22 **1 Tim 2:1-2(8)** - prayers for all

10-23 **John 15:18-16:4,33** - overcome

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God

♦ How will I be **transformed**, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?

