

Giving to Caesar and to God

“Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

Sermon Questions

1. What method does the devil use to trap God’s people? _____
2. What institution does the devil use to persecute God’s people? _____
3. How do you avoid falling for flattery? You must live for _____ approval.
4. By asking this question, the religious leaders were trying to make Jesus an enemy of the _____.
5. The “tribute” mentioned here was a reminder that Israel was a conquered nation. (Yes/No)
6. What was on a “denarius” coin? (circle all that apply)
 - i. Picture of the emperor Tiberius.
 - ii. The inscription, “Tiberius Augustus Caesar, son of the divine Augustus.”
 - iii. Picture of Tiberius’ mother Livia.
 - iv. The inscription, “High Priest.”
7. The Pharisees used and traded with this coin? (Yes/No)
8. This saying of Jesus avoids their trap and teaches us our duty to Caesar and to God. (Yes/No)
9. List the ways in which we must NOT understand Jesus’ words:
 - i. Jesus is not supporting _____ or endless submission to tyrants.
 - ii. Jesus is not supporting a dualistic _____ - kingdom scheme.
10. List four things that rightfully belong to Caesar:

11. List at least two things that rightfully belong to God:

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. For more teaching on this subject, see the sermons "Resisting Tyrants," "When Christ and Caesar Collide," and "Go, Stand, Speak: Obeying God Rather Than Men."
2. When are we tempted to give higher loyalty to the state rather than the will of God? What does the modern state use to coerce obedience? (Don't neglect soft-power like fitting in, workplace standards)
3. What areas of your life do you need to reconsider how you are giving to God what is his due? How will you make changes for this coming year (or week)?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

