

TBS Lesson: Give Caesar His Coins, Give God His Creation

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020

Read: Luke 20:20-26

Five Things:

1. Describe the leaders trying to trap Jesus. (v.21-22)
How do people today twist God’s words? How did Jesus respond? What could be my response?
(By the way, read ahead in Luke 23:2!)

2. What does Jesus equate flattery with? (v.23)
How does Proverbs 29:5 warn about flattery & how does it relate to the reading?

3. These guys only see two options for Jesus in answering their questions. What are they? One response would make him an enemy of the people & the other would make him an enemy of Rome. Thankfully, God doesn’t fit into boxes of human construct.

Has this happened to you in your life? Have you ever dictated limited possibilities to God over an issue and he answered you with a third thing that wasn’t even on your radar?

4. Write down Jesus’ response to their question. (v.25)
Circle the words that pop out at you the most.

5. Discuss the irony of the following quote by David Guzzik:
Had the Jews rendered unto God His due, they would have never had to render anything to Caesar. In New Testament times, they would never have endured the occupying oppression of the Roman Empire if they had been obedient to their covenant with God.

Thinker Question:

Giving some of my money to the government seems easier than giving God all that he is due. Why is this? Have you ever met someone who would probably rather turn their whole paycheck over than to obey God at all? Why is this? What does Romans 1:18-32 say about this?

Jesus’ response *distinguishes the jurisdiction of the two empires of heaven and earth. The image of princes stamped on their coin denotes that temporal things belong all to their government. The image of God stamped on the soul denotes that all its faculties and powers belong to the Most High, and should be employed in his service.* (Clarke)
Honestly, people today would rather pay taxes!

Review:

Every time we read scripture we learn how God thinks about everyday life.

How does God think about the following:

- 1. Twisting words (Luke 8:17)
- 2. Flattery (Proverbs 26:24-25)
- 3. Limiting Him (1 Corinthians 2:9)
- 4. Government (1 Peter 2:17)
- 5. Speaking truth (Ephesians 4:14-15)

Explore: Luke 20:25

Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to ___ what belongs to ___.

Express:

- 1. There is an arrangement between _____ and my government that involves my wallet.
- 2. There is an arrangement between myself and _____ that involves my whole _____.
- 3. Believers only belong to _____, not to the government and not even to _____!

Experience:

Make a private list places in your life where you are not giving God what he is do? Ask him what you are holding back from him and why. Ask for his forgiveness and for him to show you what to do or say next.

Make a personal prayer asking God to help you to be truthful and speak truth, to recognize flattery and deceit, and to *not* limit him in any way.

And pray for our government. Ask God to show you how to live wisely among corruption and how to always obey His Word above any man’s.