



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 20:19-26 (NAS)

Topic: "God and Government"

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- 19 The scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, and they feared the people; for they understood that He spoke this parable against them.
- 20 So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, in order that they might catch Him in some statement, so that they could deliver Him to the rule and the authority of the governor.
- 21 They questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, we know that You speak and teach correctly, and You are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth.
- 22 "Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"
- 23 But He detected their trickery and said to them,
- 24 "Show Me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?" They said, "Caesar's."
- 25 And He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."
- 26 And they were unable to catch Him in a saying in the presence of the people; and being amazed at His answer, they became silent.

I. TAX SEASON WILL SOON BE UPON US

- A. Should We Pay Taxes
- B. What Should Our Attitude Be Toward Government?

II. JESUS' OPPONENTS

- A. The Herodians And The Pharisees Were Normally Arch Enemies
- B. They Had Joined Forces With A Common Goal
- C. They Desired To Entrap Jesus
- D. Their Method: Flattery And Deception
- E. Their Question: "Is It Lawful To Pay Taxes To Caesar?"

III. JESUS' RESPONSE

- A. He Asked For A Coin
- B. He Showed Them Their Obligation
 - 1. To Caesar (government)
 - 2. To God

IV. FOUR THINGS WE SHOULD NOTE

- A. Their Religious Hypocrisy *Hebrews 4:13*
- B. Jesus Declares We Are To Submit To Government *Romans 13:1-7*
 - 1. Corrupt government does not nullify our responsibility *Dan. 4:17*
 - 2. The Roman government was far from flawless
- C. Government Should Promote Justice
 - 1. Government should promote tranquility *1 Timothy 2:12*
 - 2. We should pray for government services *Philippians 4:22*
- D. Ultimately We Are Under God's Authority
 - 1. He has created us
 - 2. He has bought us *1 Corinthians 6:20*