

MARK
CHAPTER 12:13-17
tape: SMX: 137

THEME:
The Sacrifice of the Servant

TITLE:
The Christians' Allegiance

INTRODUCTION; The sacrifice of the King

Last Week

- *His Authority was Challenged*

This Week

- *His Integrity Being Tested*

Remember, This is Tuesday, April 8, 32 ad.

The Chief Priest, Scribes, Elders,
_____ *are now joined by the* _____
Pharisees, & Herodians.

Pharisees, (Right-wing conservatives, who hated Roman rule)

Herodians, (Left-wing liberals, who promoted the Empire)

Desiring to put him on the horns of a dilemma
They question Him, Hoping to destroy Him

Here in Verses 13-17 we see...

The wisdom of God vs. the wisdom of man
(*That which is good*) (*That which is evil*)

James 3:14-15

... if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵ This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

We see a worldly wisdom that is in effect

Jesus said...

Luke 7:35

That wisdom is justified of all her children.

1 Corinthians 1:25

...the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

They have encircled Him, to catch Him

Jesus has been stopping the mouths of the rulers

Lisa, My wife;

was standing in line at the market with a little four-year-old girl that she was baby-sitting that day... (mouth was stopped)

Verse 13

To Catch **GRK**

to set a trap, to lie in wait, to seize and destroy (BLOOD)

Verse 14

They state (4) undeniable truths about Jesus

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| 1. We know that you are <u>true</u> | <i>truthful & dependable</i> |
| 2. And <u>care</u> about no one.... | <i>answer all men alike</i> |
| 3. You do not <u>regard the person</u> of men.... | <i>not swayed by position</i> |
| 4. But teach the <u>way</u> of God in <u>truth</u> | <i>in words & in actions</i> |

(I have some questions;)

- Did they hear these things from the crowd
- Did they make this stuff up - good guess
- Or did They witness the very things they attributed to Him, but were unwilling to Honor Him by yielding.

Proverbs 26:23

Like a layer of silver over clay pots, so are lips with an evil heart.

Isaiah 29:13a

the LORD said: these people draw near to me with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but they have removed their hearts far from Me.

Who do you say that I am
if you say with our mouths.... is it true in our hearts

John 8:24

"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that *I am* He, you will die in your sins."

Is it lawful to pay taxes to Clinton or not

- *To pay* would have angered the native Jews and the Pharisees
 - *Or not to pay* would have brought Rome against Him as a insurrectionist. the Herodians would seize Him.
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Three Taxes were imposed upon the people of the day;

#1 The Ground Tax,

1/10th of all grain & 1/5th of all wine & fruit

#2 The Income tax,

1 percent of a persons income for that year.

#3 The Poll Tax,

1 denarius for being alive, a Roman privilege

Verse 15

Matthew 22:18 you hypocrites !!!

In Matthew we have the "7" **Woes** to the hypocrites of Jesus

GRK *hupokrites*

to be an actor, to assume a character,

to be something you are not

Verse 15

...But He, (Knowing) their hypocrisy...

to see thru to the other side

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart...

Dear IRS

My conscience has bothered me for not sending \$175.00 which I owe.
enclosed you'll find a check.

Thank you very much.

P.S. If my conscience continues to bothers me, I'll send the rest

...Ashley's "telling God the truth"

What is the attitude behind the words being said?

Verse 16

Tiberus Caesar who was Emperor and thus had his image on one side stating "Tiberus Caesar, son of Augustus (god)

on the other side the inscription Pontiff Maximus (Highest Priest) upon the currency.

Verse 17 Which is the Body of the Text

A.) *The Christians' Allegiance to Government.* v. 17a

- There is a claim and ownership by the governing authorities over our lives.
Image (likeness) and inscription (ownership).

Romans 13:1-

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except that which is from God, and *the powers that be*, are appointed by God.

The Officer with His Badge;

1 Peter 2:12-15, 17

having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. ¹³ Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men... ¹⁷ Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

When Do We no longer submit to the powers that be;

#1 Direct opposition to the revealed Word of God

Acts 5:29

#2 Standing against imposed immorality

#3 Conflicting with religious conviction (action)

B.) *The Christians' Allegiance to God* v. 17b

- There is a claim and ownership by God's authority over our lives

Image (likeness) and inscription (ownership).

Ephesians 1:13-14

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Genesis 1:26-27

And God said, Let us make man in our *image*, after our *likeness*:

²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Image; HEB *tselem* (tseh'-lem);
resemblance, a representative figure, or Icon

Likeness; HEB *demuwoth* (dem-ooth');
to model, to mimic, to be a similitude.

Colossians 2:9

For *in Him (image,) (likeness)* dwells all the fullness of the Godhead in human form;

1 Timothy 3:16a

...great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested (*dwelling*)
in the flesh, (in all moral likeness, Jesus represented the Godhead)

John 1:1,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

God is not human, (sorry Shirley McClaine)
He had to become a human

By Jesus asking "who's image" the people understood in the following manner "whoever's image appears on a coin, it is that person who has minted that coin, and to that person does the coin belong"

The Issue is here is Ownership;
Who or What Owns You?

John 15:19 KJV

If ye were of the world, the world would love you: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you.

Are you of the world,... are you comfortable here being of the world

Verse 17

HE said to THEM

Render GRK

to pay a debt, to pay back for services

A Careful Answer,

The Logic was clearly understood by all, Give what belongs to the Owner, If Caesar want's his coin, give Caesar his coin,
God owns you!!!

The Herodians ought to render to God the things that are God's
and

The Pharisee ought to render to Caesar the things That are Caesar's

there is a tax due that is due daily... our lives to Him

Psalm 29:2

Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Galatians 2:20 KJV

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Note the extent of His ownership

His ownership is of all, John 3:16-19

"willing ?"

1 Corinthians 7:23

You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.

2 Peter 2:1 KJV

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

Verse 17

Luke adds that they were "silenced"

Yes, there is a separation between Church & State,

The state is not to be involved in establishing any judgment interfering with your relationship to God. "The Church is to be free from the States"

- Our commitment to government is to pay taxes, not evade them - that is sin! (paved roads, water, electricity, protection etc.)
- Our commitment to God is to pay Him, not evade Him - that is sin! (worship, word, fellowship, missions, love - from a willing heart, not an imposed demand!)

That how God treats us;

Hosea 14:4

"I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely,

When Sir Walter Rawley was needing funding for his world-wide expedition, no money was available, when an assistant was asked to search the land for valuables he returned to say " only the gold & silver statues of the saints remain in the churches " Rawley replied

" melt down the saints and get them into circulation "

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