

## Render to God What Belongs To God

Luke 20:20-25

**Luke 19:47-48:** And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy (kill) Him and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

**Luke 20:9-15:** Then He began to tell the people this parable: "A certain man (owner - God) planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers (farmers- Jewish leaders), and went into a far country for a long time. Now at vintage-time (grape harvest) he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son (Jesus). Probably they will respect him when they see him.' But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.' So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them?

**Luke 20:16:** He will come and destroy those vinedressers (70 AD) and give the vineyard to others. And when they heard it they said, "Certainly not! (May it never be!)"

**Luke 20:17:** Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: The stone which the builders rejected."

**Luke 20:18:** Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.

**Luke 20:19:** The chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people - for they knew He had spoken this parable against them.

**Luke 20:20:** So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous (honest) that they might seize (catch) on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor.

**Luke 20:21:** Then they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, we know that You say and teach rightly, and You do not show personal favoritism, but teach the way of God in truth."

- **Gossip:** saying something behind somebody's **back** that you would never say to their **face** (Ephesians 4:29)
- **Flattery:** saying something to somebody's **face** that you would never say behind their **back**

**Luke 20:22:** Is it **lawful** for us to pay **taxes** to **Caesar** or **not?**

**Luke 20:23:** But He **perceived** their **craftiness** (**wickedness**), and said to them, "Why do you **test** Me?" (John 2:25)

**Luke 20:24:** "Show Me a **denarius**. Whose image and inscription does it have?" They answered and said, "**Caesar's.**"

**Luke 20:25:** And He said to them, "**Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,** and to God the things that are God's."

**Romans 13:1-7:** Let **every soul** be **subject** to the **governing authorities**. For there is **no authority except from God**, and the authorities that exist are **appointed by God**. Therefore whoever **resists** the **authority** resists the ordinance of **God**, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of

the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not **bear the sword** in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to **execute wrath on him who practices evil**. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of **wrath** but also for **conscience**' sake. For because of this **you also pay taxes**, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. **Render** therefore to all their due: **taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor**.

**Acts 5:29:** But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: **We ought to obey God rather than men**.

**Acts 5:40-42:** When they had called for the apostles and **beaten** them, they **commanded that they should not speak** in the **name of Jesus**, and let them go. So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted **worthy to suffer** shame for His name. And **daily** in the **temple**, and in **every house**, they **did not cease** teaching and preaching **Jesus** as the **Christ**.

**Hebrews 10:23-25:** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner (habit) of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Luke 20:25:** And He said to them, "Render (give) therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

The coin belonged to Caesar. You belong to God.

The coin had Caesar's image. You have God's image.

**Luke 20:25:** And He said to them, "Render (• give • give back) therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

God deserves that you give Him the worship, praise, adoration, song, glory, obedience, love, trust, service, that He is due!

God deserves that I give Him My life, everything! My heart, My soul, My mind, My strength! All that I am!

**Romans 12:1:** Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship.

In response to Jesus (the heir) Who gave everything for you.

**Luke 20:18:** Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.

**Luke 20:26:** But they could not catch Him in His words in the presence of the people. And they marveled at His answer and kept silent.