Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 10-14-26
Matthew Chapter 22, Part 4
Render Therefore To…and the Resurrection Question

1.Introduction:
  a.Taking a look back:
    1)Jesus was asked whether believers should pay their taxes.
      a)Jesus' answer led us on a journey through the Word.
    2)We learned about our dual citizenship as believers.
      a)Citizens of this earth, but also of heaven. I Peter 2:11 and Philippians 3:20.
    3)How do we live in this duality?
      a)Be a steward of your time and faith.
      b)Colossians 4:5-6
    4)That led us to Romans 13.
      a)Verse 1 – Every person is to obey the authority God has established.
      b)Verse 2 – To resist may mean that you will face consequences.
      c)Verse 3 - God's plan is that government, when functioning as God designed it, is a protection for the righteous and a terror only to the guilty.
      d)Verse 4 – Leaders are supposed to serve as a "minister of God to thee for good."
  b.Taking a look ahead:
    1)Let's go a little further in Romans 13.
    2)A brief look at the resurrection question.

2.What has God said about government. Romans 13
  a.Verse 5 –
    1)The audience shifts to believers.
      a)"for conscience' sake" – because conscience requires it.

  b.Verse 6 –
    1)This is where we see the connection to what Jesus said in Matthew 22.
      a)"tribute" – means taxes.
      b)"for they are God's ministers" – they are working for God.
      c)"attending continually upon this very thing" – rewarding good and punishing evil.

  c.Verse 7 –
    1)"render" – speaks of paying taxes.
    2)"tribute to whom tribute is due" – tax to whom tax is due.
    3)"custom to whom custom" – a toll or custom, could also be an indirect tax.
    4)"fear to whom fear" – showing reverence and respect for those in authority.
    5)"honor to whom honor" – the honor and reverence which belongs to one.

  d.This did not just begin in Romans 13.
    1)Genesis 9:6 –
    2)In the New Testament, I Peter 2:13-14 –
    3)Proverbs 8:15-16 – This shows God's desire that governments govern justly.
    4)Keep in mind that Jesus asked them about the image on the coin.
      a)Let's deal with the second part of Jesus' answer to the Pharisees and Herodians.

3.What are we to “render” to God?
  a.Verse 21 –
    1)“render” – can be translated as “give back to.”
    2)Men and women are made in God’s image.
      a)Genesis 1:26-27 –
    3)Humankind is indebted to God for giving them life.
      a)We are to render back to God that which belongs to Him.
    4)What is it we are to render back to God?
      a)There are many things we should consider here.

  b.Do these questions I asked actually reflect what God has said in His Word?
    1)Matthew 22:37-38 –
    2)John 14:15 –
    3)Romans 12:1 –
    4)I Peter 4:10 –
    5)Colossians 3:17 –

  c.Let’s be clear.
    1)I am in no way suggesting that this is payment for your salvation.
      a)These things we render to God is our opportunity to respond to His kindness to us and to His mercy, moment by moment and day by day.

  d.Verse 22 –
    1)The answer Jesus gave left them amazed.
      a)Luke 20:26 –
    2)The questions continued.

4.The Sadducees ask about the resurrection. Matthew 22:23-33
  a.Let’s consider their question first.
    1)Where did this question come from?
      a)It comes from Deuteronomy 25:5-10 –
    2)Verse 5 –
      a)This started with the laws related to military service.
      b)Deuteronomy 20:7 –
    3)You can see that God placed a high value on marriage.
    4)This is the background for what we see in Deuteronomy 25:5.
      a)“If the brethren dwell together” –
      b)“and have no child” –
    5)Why is it this way? net
      a)This is cultural.
      b)The purpose of the levirate marriage was to ensure that the deceased brother’s name and inheritance would continue through an heir born to his widow by the surviving brother.

5.Tonight’s Takeaway:
  a.Render therefore to God the things that are God’s.