

Session 25: The Scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees Try to Ensnare Jesus

Matthew 22:15-46; Mark 12:13-37; Luke 20:20-44

Paying Taxes to Caesar

Matthew 22:15-22	Mark 12:13-17	Luke 20:20-26
<p>15 Then the Pharisees went and took counsel together about how they might trap Him in what He said.</p> <p>16 And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any.</p> <p>17 "Therefore, tell us, what do You think? Is it lawful to give a tax to Caesar, or not?"</p> <p>18 But Jesus, knowing their wickedness, said, "Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites?</p> <p>19 "Show Me the coin used for the tax." And they brought Him a denarius.</p> <p>20 And He said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?"</p> <p>21 They said to Him, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Therefore, render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's."</p>	<p>13 Then they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Him in order to trap Him in a statement.</p> <p>14 And they came and said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay a tax to Caesar, or not?"</p> <p>15 "Shall we pay or shall we not pay?" But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why are you testing Me? Bring Me a denarius to look at."</p> <p>16 And they brought one. And He said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?"</p> <p>And they said to Him, "Caesar's."</p> <p>17 And Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were amazed at Him.</p>	<p>20 So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, so that they might catch Him in some statement, in order to deliver Him to the rule and the authority of the governor.</p> <p>21 And 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.</p> <p>22 "Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"</p> <p>23 But He perceived their craftiness and said to them,</p> <p>24 "Show Me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?"</p> <p>They said, "Caesar's."</p> <p>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."</p> <p>26 And they were unable to catch Him in a word in the presence of the</p>

<p>22 And hearing this, they marveled, and leaving Him, they went away.</p>		<p>people; and marveling at His answer, they became silent.</p>
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Εἰκῶν = Image (Matthew 22:20)

דְּלִמָּה = Image (Genesis 1:27)

Genesis 1:27 - God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

If a coin goes to Caesar because it bears Caesar’s image and belongs to him, now we know why God so loved the world. He created us in His image. We are the image bearers of God. We belong to Him.

The Resurrection and Marriage

<p>Matthew 22:23-33</p>	<p>Mark 12:18-27</p>	<p>Luke 20:27-39</p>
<p>23 On that day some Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to Jesus and asked Him a question, 24 saying, “Teacher, Moses said, ‘IF A MAN DIES HAVING NO CHILDREN, HIS BROTHER AS NEXT OF KIN SHALL MARRY HIS WIFE AND RAISE UP A SEED FOR HIS BROTHER.’ 25 “Now there were seven brothers with us; and the first married and died, and having no seed, he left his wife to his brother; 26 so also the second, and the third, down to the seventh.</p>	<p>18 Then some Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection) came to Jesus, and began questioning Him, saying, 19 “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that IF A MAN’S BROTHER DIES and leaves behind a wife AND LEAVES NO CHILD, HIS BROTHER SHOULD MARRY THE WIFE AND RAISE UP A SEED FOR HIS BROTHER. 20 “There were seven brothers; and the first married a wife and died leaving no seed. 21 “And the second one married her, and died leaving behind no seed; and the third likewise;</p>	<p>27 Now some of the Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection) came to Him, 28 and they questioned Him, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that IF A MAN’S BROTHER DIES, having a wife, AND HE IS CHILDLESS, HIS BROTHER SHOULD MARRY THE WIFE AND RAISE UP SEED FOR HIS BROTHER. 29 “Now there were seven brothers; and the first married a wife and died childless, 30 and the second 31 and the third married her; and in the same way, all seven died, leaving no children. 32 “Finally the woman died also. 33 “Therefore, this woman— in the resurrection—whose</p>

<p>27 <i>"And last of all, the woman died.</i></p> <p>28 <i>"In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had married her."</i></p> <p>29 <i>But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God.</i></p> <p>30 <i>"For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels in heaven.</i></p> <p>31 <i>"But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying,</i></p> <p>32 <i>'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'?</i> He is not the God of the dead but of the living."</p> <p>33 <i>And when the crowds heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.</i></p>	<p>22 <i>and so all seven left no seed. Last of all the woman died also.</i></p> <p>23 <i>"In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For all seven had married her."</i></p> <p>24 <i>Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures nor the power of God?"</i></p> <p>25 <i>"For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.</i></p> <p>26 <i>"But regarding the fact that the dead are raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the burning bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'?"</i></p> <p>27 <i>"He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; you are greatly mistaken."</i></p>	<p><i>wife will she be? For all seven had her as a wife."</i></p> <p>34 <i>And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage,</i></p> <p>35 <i>but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage.</i></p> <p>36 <i>"For they cannot even die anymore, because they are like angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.</i></p> <p>37 <i>"But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed in the passage about the burning bush, where he calls the Lord THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB.</i></p> <p>38 <i>"Now He is not the God of the dead but of the living; for all live to Him."</i></p> <p>39 <i>And some of the scribes answered and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well."</i></p>
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The Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:34-40	Mark 12:28-34	cf. Luke 10:25-27
<p>34 <i>But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together.</i> 35 <i>And one of them, a scholar of the Law, asked Him a question, testing Him,</i> 36 <i>“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”</i> 37 <i>And He said to him, “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’</i> 38 <i>“This is the great and foremost commandment.</i> 39 <i>“And the second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’</i> 40 <i>“On these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets.”</i></p>	<p>28 <i>And when one of the scribes came and heard them arguing, he recognized that He had answered them well and asked Him, “What commandment is the foremost of all?”</i> 29 <i>Jesus answered, “The foremost is, ‘HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD;</i> 30 <i>AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’</i> 31 <i>“The second is this, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”</i> 32 <i>And the scribe said to Him, “Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that HE IS ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM;</i> 33 <i>AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE’S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”</i> 34 <i>And when Jesus saw that he had answered thoughtfully, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that, no one would dare to ask Him any more questions.</i></p>	<p>25 <i>And behold, a scholar of the Law stood up and was putting Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”</i> 26 <i>And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?”</i> 27 <i>And he answered and said, “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”</i> 28 <i>And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE.</i></p>

Love God, Love People, Live with people and have real life in God

A Question about the Messiah’s Descent from David

Matthew 22:41-46	Mark 12:35-37	Luke 20:40-44
<p><i>41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question,</i></p> <p><i>42 saying, “What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?” They said to Him, “The son of David.”</i></p> <p><i>43 He said to them, “Then how does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying,</i></p> <p><i>44 ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, “SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR FEET”?’</i></p> <p><i>45 “Therefore, if David calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his son?”</i></p> <p><i>46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question.</i></p>	<p><i>35 And Jesus began to say, as He taught in the temple, “How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?”</i></p> <p><i>36 “David himself said in the Holy Spirit, ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, “SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR FEET.”’</i></p> <p><i>37 “David himself calls Him ‘Lord’; so, in what sense is He his son?” And the large crowd enjoyed listening to Him.</i></p>	<p><i>40 For they did not dare to question Him any longer about anything.</i></p> <p><i>41 Then He said to them, “How is it that they say the Christ is David’s son?”</i></p> <p><i>42 “For David himself says in the book of Psalms, ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,</i></p> <p><i>43 UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES AS A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.”’</i></p> <p><i>44 “Therefore David calls Him ‘Lord,’ so how is He his son?”</i></p>

Memory Verse:

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. And the second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’”

Matthew 22:36-39

Discussion Questions

1. Is your life a true image of God and His love or is it a bent image? What needs to change to be a better image bearer?

2. How difficult is it for you to believe that life in God never ends? Does death have any fear over you?

God's expectation of us is to love God, love People, and live with people and have real life in God.

3. Is it possible to love all people if you struggle in your love for God?