



**RENDER TO CAESAR**

MARK 12:13-17

*The trap is set;*

**LUKE 20:20**

<sup>20</sup> So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

**MARK 3:6**

<sup>6</sup> The *Pharisees* went out and immediately held counsel with the *Herodians* against him, how to destroy him.

**MARK 8:15**

<sup>15</sup> And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

*The tactic of flattery;*

**PROVERBS 29:5**

<sup>5</sup> A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.

**PROVERBS 26:28**

<sup>28</sup> A lying tongue hates its victims, and a *flattering mouth works ruin*.

**MARK 1:3**

<sup>3</sup> ...the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, *make his paths straight*,' "

*The sinful regard for the opinions of people;*

**ISAIAH 51:12**

<sup>12</sup> "I, I am he who comforts you; *who are you that you are afraid of man who dies, of the son of man who is made like grass*.

**GALATIANS 1:10**

<sup>10</sup> *For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

*The taxation issue;*

**ACTS 5:37**

<sup>37</sup> After him Judas the Galilean rose up *in the days of the census* and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered.

**LUKE 23:2**

<sup>2</sup> And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king."

*The hypocrisy of Jesus' enemies;*

**MARK 8:11**

<sup>11</sup> The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven *to test him*.

**MARK 10:2**

<sup>2</sup> And Pharisees came up and *in order to test him* asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

**JOHN 2:25**

<sup>25</sup> [Jesus] needed no one to bear witness about man, for *he himself knew what was in man*.

—Render to Caesar...Render to God—

*The early church adopted a positive view towards civil government, in spite of the harsh reality of that government's treatment of Christians;*

**1 PETER 2:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

**TITUS 3:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup> to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

**ROMANS 13:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup> for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup> Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup> Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

**1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

***Government is a blessing and an extension of God's gracious and sovereign rule. Therefore, we owe submission in all areas that are not in direct conflict with God's commands***

**ROMANS 13:4, 6-7**

<sup>4</sup> for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer...<sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup> Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

***Christians owe a debt to government. It is not the same debt owed to God. Never confuse the two debts.***

**ACTS 5:29**

<sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

**DANIEL 4:17**

<sup>17</sup> The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that *the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.*'

***We must always make certain that our rendering to Caesar does not bleed over into our rendering to God. Out-of-place and even contrary to the gospel is the intermingling of patriotism and faith***

**GENESIS 1:26**

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "*Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...*"

**1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20**

<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? *You are not your own,* <sup>20</sup> *for you were bought with a price.* So glorify God in your body.

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