

14. Read *Isaiah 9:6*. How does this encourage you? Give you hope?

Reflection Questions: Where am I failing to rendering to the government what is theirs? Where am I failing to give back to God what is properly His? How much time do I spend praying for my leaders? Am I more concerned about changing the government than I am about seeing people saved by God's grace?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

The church of the New Testament did not attempt to save its existence by making a compromise with Nero or by stirring up a revolution against tyrants, or by making an alliance with the Persian Empire. But, by simply confessing the truth of the gospel and building up a truly confessing church whose members were prepared to ie for their faith.

Martin Luther

Rather than becoming consumed with political agendas, we should be consumed as Christ's ambassadors to a lost world.... True Christianity is more concerned with saving souls than it is with gaining votes.

Chris Mueller

If you reject Him, He answers you with tears; if you wound Him, He bleeds out cleansing; if you kill Him, He dies to redeem; if you bury Him, He rises again to resurrection.

Charles Spurgeon

Jesus assumes the validity of the secular state and its demands, even when it is controlled by a man who thinks he is god. A poorly run stte is better than no state at all.

We are God's coin. We bear His image.

R. Kent Hughes

*Our faith isn't about building a Christian nation
but about taking Christianity to all nations.*

Brady Wolcott



Rendering

*Sermon
Notes*

March 10, 2024

1. The Trap (13-15a)

2. The Answer (15b-17a)

3. The Response (17b)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read the following accounts, noting what you learn from each. Are there any contradictions? If so, how do you resolve them?

Matthew 22:15-22 —

Mark 12:13-17 —

Luke 20:20-26 —

3. Who are the Pharisees? The Herodians?

What does this passage reveal about their motives toward Jesus?

4. What is said about Jesus in *Mark 12:14*? Is what was said true?

What would have been the result if they actually believed what they said about Jesus?

5. Why was the question they asked Jesus (*Mark 12:14b-15a*) such a controversial one?

How would the Pharisees want Jesus to respond?

The Herodians?

6. Why does Jesus ask for a denarius (*Mark 12:15*)?

What is the significance of the image and inscription on the coin?

7. Politics and religion have always been hot topic issues. How does Jesus put these things in proper perspective (*Mark 12:13-17*)?

8. What do these passages teach about our responsibility to government?

Romans 13:1-7 —

Titus 3:1-2 —

1 Timothy 2:1-6 —

1 Peter 2:13-17 —

What do we owe the government that is over us?

9. In what way is God's image on every human? What are the ramifications of this?

10. If people don't give God what He deserves, what are they doing to God? Why? Explain using Scripture.

11. What are we to render to God (*Mark 12:17; Exodus 20:1-3; Mark 12:30*)?

12. When does a government forfeit its authority over Christians?

13. How do we balance being citizens of God's kingdom while desiring to be good citizens on earth?