

# What is Caesar's, and What is God's



LUKE 20:19-26

## Luke 20:19–26 (ESV)



**19** The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. **20** 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.

## Luke 20:19–26 (ESV)



**21** So they asked him, “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God. **22** Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?” **23** But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them, **24** “Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?” They said, “Caesar’s.” **25** He said to them, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” **26** And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer they became silent.

# Render to Caesar the Things that are Caesar's



- Obedience - Romans 13:1-7;  
1 Peter 2:13-17

## Romans 13:1–7 (ESV)



**1** 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. **2** Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. **3** 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, **4** 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.

## Romans 13:1–7 (ESV)



**5** Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.  
**6** For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. **7** 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 Peter 2:13-17



Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, 14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men 16 as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. 17 Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

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## 1 Peter 2:18-23



Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. 19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. 21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 22 "WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH"; 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

# Render to God the Things that are God's



- Higher obedience

# God's Law Higher Than Man's Law



So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "**Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.** 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." - Acts 4:18-20

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, 28 saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!" 29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "**We ought to obey God rather than men.** - Acts 5:27-29

# Render to God the Things that are God's



- Higher obedience
- Higher honor

## Malachi 1:6–10 (ESV)



**6** “A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’ **7** By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, ‘How have we polluted you?’ By saying that the LORD’s table may be despised. **8** When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts. **9** And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? says the LORD of hosts. **10** Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand.

# Render to God the Things that are God's



- Higher obedience
- Higher honor
- Ourselves

## Romans 12:1–2 (ESV)



**1** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

**2** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

# Render...



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- Honor
- Submission to punishment

## To God

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- Ourselves