

Sermon Notes

Who Is Jesus? Who Are We?
How Must We Act Toward The Government?
Mark 12:13-17

Does God expect followers of Christ to submit to and obey the government? YES _____ NO

Verse 13 A trap - the aim of the trap is to discredit Jesus.

1 Peter 2:11-17 tells us to follow Jesus' example regarding this trap so that:

1. The world will see our good deeds and _____ God. (v.13)
2. The ignorance of foolish people will be _____. (v.15)

Verse 14 A question - it reveals something deeper: what is truly _____ in God's eyes.

1. God's thoughts and ways are far _____ those of the government. Isaiah 55:8-9
2. God's righteousness is infinitely _____ that of the government. Psalm 71:19

V.17 A command part #1 - obey the government in the things that are Caesar's.

"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's" - what does this mean? Jesus uses the coin to explain.

Romans 13:1-7 says obedience is commanded because:

1. Authority was given to the government _____.
2. Disobedience of the government is disobedience _____ God.
3. Disobedience of the government results in fear of _____.
4. The government is God's servant to do _____ for people.

But we are left asking about other things like:

>when the government violates it's own laws?

>when the government does evil things and hurts people instead of doing good?

>when the government forbids people to worship and obey God?

V.17 A command part #2 - obey God in the things that are God's.

"and to God the things that are God's"

Where is the image of God found? On every _____, nation, atom, and galaxy.

Psalm 24:1, Deut 10:14

In how many things must God be obeyed? In _____!

Obeying God in everything means:

1. Submitting to, _____, and honoring the governing authorities. Rom 13:1-7
2. Not speaking _____ of or quarrelling with the governing authorities. Titus 3:1-5
3. _____ for the governing authorities. 1 Timothy 2:1-6
4. Disobeying governing authorities when they _____ obedience to God. Acts 5:29, Daniel 6:10
5. Warning government authorities that do evil they must _____. Ezekiel 25-26