

## 5月至6月的证道系列 “主事工中更深远的教训（续）”

证道题目：“神的物当归给神”

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经文：《马太福音 22：15-22》

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### 介绍

1. 继续我们的证道系列 “主事工中更深远的教训”
  - a. 学习主耶稣持续不断的事工
  - b. 以门徒的身份学习更深刻的教训
2. 我们今天的焦点- “神的物当归给神” 《马太福音 22：15-22》

### 陷害主耶稣的宗教和政治陷阱

1. 两组人合谋来陷害主耶稣 《马太福音 22：15-16》
  - a. 法利赛人
    - i. 他们是人民宗教领袖
    - ii. 他们把主耶稣视为他们宗教影响的威胁
    - iii. 他们同希律党人密谋来陷害祂
  - b. 希律党人
    - i. 他们是偏向罗马政党的
    - ii. 他们把主耶稣视为政治上潜在的威胁
    - iii. 他们同法利赛人串通密谋
  - c. 这两组人
    - i. 他们通常是敌对的

ii. 他们为了共同目标而成为“朋友”

2. 法利赛人和希律党人所设的陷阱 《马太福音 22: 16-17》

a. 他们盘问祂关于纳税给该撒的事

i. 罗马帝国向被征服的人民收税

ii. 这些税使用来资助罗马帝国的政治活动

iii. 犹太人不喜欢纳税给该撒

b. 法利赛人和希律党人寻求的可能结果

i. 若主耶稣表明支持纳税，祂将惹怒憎恨罗马统治的犹太人民

ii. 若主耶稣表明不支持纳税，祂将被指控为政治谋反

### 主耶稣深远的智慧

1. 主耶稣看出他们的恶意 《马太福音 22: 18》

a. 他们不是真正在寻求真理

b. 他们是意图要试探和陷害祂

c. 祂说他们是假冒为善的人

2. 主耶稣的反应

a. 祂要了一个银钱（罗马银币） 《马太福音 22: 19》

b. 提出的问题

i. “这像和这号是谁的？”

ii. 明显答案 - “是该撒的”（罗马皇帝）

c. 主耶稣的智慧

i. “该撒的物当归给该撒”（承认政府对公民的合法权力）

- ii. “神的物当归给神”（认识到以色列的子女最终的忠诚仍归向上帝）

### 3. 法利赛人和希律党人的撤退

《马太福音 22: 22》

- a. 他们对主耶稣深远的智慧感到稀奇
- b. 他们对这么深奥的真理没有答案
- c. 他们的计谋失败便离开祂走了

## 对大家的鼓励

### 1. 珍惜主耶稣的榜样

- a. 深度感知
- b. 深邃的智慧
- c. 以智慧和真理来回应挑战性的情况
  - i. 就算在压迫下也选择不妥协或偏袒任何一方
  - ii. 坚持真理

### 2. 珍惜主耶稣所教的真理

- a. 做好公民
  - i. 在与圣经真理不起冲突的情况下，应该承认并遵守世俗权威
  - ii. 我们当把世上的物归给真正世上的权威（如：纳税）参阅《罗马书 13: 7》
- b. 做好上帝的子女
  - i. 我们最终的忠诚仍归向我们的上帝

- ii. 我们应把上帝的物当归给上帝（我们的生命，我们的崇拜，我们的侍奉）

**May-Jun Pulpit Series – “Deeper lessons from the ministry of the Lord (cont)”**

**Message Title : “Render to God the things that are God’s”**

**15 June 2025**

**Text: Matthew 22:15-22**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Continuing our Pulpit Series – “Deeper lessons from the ministry of the Lord”
  - a. To study the continuing ministry of the Lord Jesus
  - b. To learn deeper lessons as His disciples
2. Our focus today – “Render to God the things that are God’s”  
Matthew 22:15-22

**A RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL TRAP TO ENTRAP THE LORD JESUS**

1. Two groups of people that came together to entrap the Lord Jesus  
Matthew 22:15-16
  - a. The Pharisees
    - i. They were the religious leaders of the people
    - ii. They saw the Lord Jesus as a threat to their religious influence
    - iii. They plotted to entangle and entrap Him with the Herodians
  - b. The Herodians
    - i. They were a pro-Roman political party
    - ii. They saw the Lord Jesus as a potential threat politically
    - iii. They came together with the Pharisees in this scheme

- c. These 2 groups of people
  - i. They were normally hostile to each other
  - ii. They became “friends” because of a common goal
- 2. The trap laid by the Pharisees and the Herodians    Matthew 22:16-17
  - a. They questioned Him on the matter of paying of taxes to Caesar
    - i. The Roman empire collected taxes from the people they subjugated
    - ii. These taxes would be used to fund the political activities of the Roman empire
    - iii. The Jews did not like to pay taxes to Caesar
  - b. The possible outcomes that the Pharisees and Herodians were seeking
    - i. Should the Lord Jesus state His support for taxes, He would anger the Jewish people who resented Roman rule
    - ii. Should the Lord Jesus not state His support for taxes, He could be accused of political rebellion

### **THE DEEP WISDOM OF THE LORD JESUS**

- 1. The Lord Jesus perceived their wickedness    Matthew 22:18
  - a. They were not genuinely seeking the truth
  - b. They were seeking to test and trap Him
  - c. He called out their hypocrisy
- 2. The response of the Lord Jesus
  - a. He asked for a denarius (Roman coin)            Matthew 22:19
  - b. The question raised
    - i. “Whose image and inscription is this?”

- ii. The obvious answer – “Caesar’s” (the Roman emperor)
  - c. The wisdom of the Lord Jesus
    - i. “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s”  
(Acknowledging the legitimate authority of the government over citizens)
    - ii. “And to God the things that are God’s”  
(Recognizing the ultimate allegiance of children of Israel is still to God)
3. The retreat of the Pharisees and Herodians                      Matthew 22:22
- a. They marveled at the deep wisdom of the Lord Jesus
  - b. They had no answer to such profound truth
  - c. They had failed in their plot and went their way

#### **ENCOURAGEMENT TO US ALL**

- 1. Appreciating the Example of the Lord Jesus
  - a. Deep perception
  - b. Deep wisdom
  - c. Responding with wisdom and truth to challenging situations
    - i. Choosing not to compromise or take sides even when pressured
    - ii. Standing firm on the truth
- 2. Appreciating the truths that the Lord Jesus was teaching
  - a. To be good citizens
    - i. Earthly authorities ought to be acknowledged and obeyed when not in conflict with the truth of Scriptures
    - ii. We ought to render the things of world that are due to the rightful earthly authorities (i.e. paying of taxes)      cf. Romans 13:7
  - b. To be good children of God

- i. Our ultimate loyalty and allegiance are to God our Father
- ii. We ought to render the things that are God's to God (our life, our worship, our service)