

SERMON SUMMARY

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost—Matthew 22:15-21

Name: _____
October 18, 2020

Welcome to the world of false dichotomies—things that are wrongly set _____ each other, “either/or”s that really aren’t.

In our Gospel lesson, the Pharisees are seeking to _____ Jesus in some matter—it doesn't matter what.

It’s really a clever question. They really don’t _____ about the answer:

One can follow God and pay taxes to Caesar, namely because it is _____ who puts rulers on their thrones and commands that they be obeyed.

Caesar is there as God’s instrument to keep _____ in the world.

Like it or not, the Savior speaks the truth of God and Caesar: You live in _____ different kingdoms under two different rulers.

Again, Scripture makes the distinction clear: God has placed you to _____ in two very distinct kingdoms.

It is taught among some that one who follows God should not _____, pay taxes, serve in the armed forces or even drive cars or use electricity.

And that is my point: Let the murkiness be a warning when you are told that you must act in certain ways in this world to be a _____.

You are not in the kingdom of God because of how well you _____ out of the kingdom of man.

There is another dangerous error that seeks to destroy the faith: In this case, the teaching is that we must _____ the kingdom of God with the kingdom of the world in order to make disciples.

The kingdom of God is holy; woe to the one who seeks to make it _____ instead.

Because the matters of discussion are the things of God, and such things are clear and sure and _____.

So we render the things of God to God-obedience, holiness, penitence, faith; and we do so because He _____ us all of these things first.

Questions

1. What two kingdoms do you live in?
2. Are we to obey the government in everything it tells us to do?
3. Which kingdom is the most important kingdom you live in? How do we become part of this kingdom?
4. Why can we render the things of God to God?
5. Any questions or comments about this sermon?