

Let Us Render Our Dues to God
(Luke 20:19-26)

Introduction:

1. In Romans 13:7 we are instructed to render "to all their dues."
2. This morning we studied 2 of the dues that we are to render to the government, including "subjection" and "prayer."
3. In addition to rendering our dues to the government, in Luke 20:25 Jesus taught us to render our dues to God.
4. In our lesson we are concerned with the dues that we are to render to God.

Discussion:

- I. LET US FIRST EXAMINE WHAT HAPPENED (Luke 20:19-26)
 - A. The chief priests and scribes were involved in a plot against Jesus.
 1. (19:45-48) They were already upset with Jesus.
 2. (20:1-8) They questioned Jesus about His authority, but He answered them wisely.
 3. (20:19) After Jesus told a parable, the priests and scribes wanted "to lay hands on Him."
 4. (20:20a) These men sent spies to try to find something that could be used against Jesus.
 5. (20:20b) They wanted to deliver Jesus to the governor.
 - B. (vs.21-22) A question was presented to Jesus.
 1. Notice how flattery was used (vs.21).
 2. The question (vs.22) had to do with paying tribute to Caesar.
 3. (Matthew 22:16) The people who asked this question were:
 - a. the disciples of the Pharisees (representing the religious law)
 - b. the Herodians (representing the civil law).
 4. It seems that the priests and scribes thought they would have something they could use against Jesus, regardless of how He answered.
 - C. (vs.23-25) Jesus answered this question.
 1. Jesus knew what these people were up to -- "He perceived their craftiness."
 2. He first asked why they were tempting Him.
 3. He used a piece of money to show that dues relating to the government are to be rendered as well as dues relating to God.
 - D. (vs.26) The Lord answered this question in such a way that nothing could be used against Him.
 - E. To review, our dues to the government include "subjection" and "prayer."
- II. JESUS REVEALED OUR DUES TO GOD IN MATTHEW 22:34-40
 - A. One due is to love God.
 1. Despite what a person may say, his response to God's commandments is a true indication of his love for God (1 John 2:3-5).
 2. To have a right relationship with God, it is imperative that we keep His commandments (1 John 3:22-24).
 3. A person who truly loves God will not consider His commandments to be burdensome (1 John 5:3).
 4. A special blessing is reserved for those who render this due to God (Revelation 22:14).
 - B. The other due is to love our neighbors as ourselves.
 1. We learn what this involves in Matthew 7:12.
 2. Jesus illustrated this in His parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

Conclusion:

1. As Romans 13:7 teaches, let us render to all their dues.
2. Let us render:
 - a. our dues to the government
 - b. our dues to God.