

2025 - Rendering Unto God

Prayer Of Invocation - Elder Davis

MS - Dec Jessie - **Ps 24:3** Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place?

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The Word; Pastor White

Lu 20:25 And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.

Since the onset of this series entitled 2025 we've learned by way of interpretation what was actually going on in this 20th chapter of Luke.

We briefly looked at Why Jesus was in Jerusalem in the 1st place.

We learned that the trap had been laid laid by the pharisees to have reason to turn him over to the roman authorities.

We saw that because of His response they were unable to accomplish it.

We learned exactly what Jesus meant in his response to the trap. We also learned that the authority of Ceasar was ordained by God with limitations.

Now for the next several weeks we're going to exhaustively expound on what it means to render unto God the things which be God's. (a superficial interpretation leads to superficial application)

Now in Jesus response to their question I'm absolutely certain they couldn't even begin to fathom the depth of His response, even though they marveled at his answer and held their peace.

I'm sure in their minds they were thinking (wow, he got us there) and where quickly on to the next thing. But I don't want that to be our understanding of what Jesus said here.

I'de like to draw your attention once again to the fact that He's not just talking to his disciples, but to everyone under the sound of his voice then, and to all who would read this text going forward.

God is speaking to us all, the saved and the unsaved...

Rendering unto Ceasar means we all (Saved and unsaved) have to be subject to the higher powers...

Romans 13:13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

But rendering unto God means we all (Saved and unsaved) have to submit to the sovereign of the universe...

Ps 24:1 The earth *is* the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; The world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the floods.

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Psalm 50:10 For every beast of the forest *is* mine, *And* the cattle upon a thousand hills.

*The very 1st book of the bible establishes God's ownership;

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Jn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

*If you still questioning Jesus as God then That was also addressed in the book of Genesis

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

1Jn 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. **8** And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

Now for the none believer who subscribes to Darwinism, materialism, sciences, humanism, or even atheism, you would be hard pressed to get them to believe that

man is free, sovereign, and the author of his own eternal destiny. In fact many don't even ascribe to the thought of the afterlife just as the Saducees didn't believe in the resurrection.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

*We should not expect the unsaved person to adhere to God's word.

Romans 8:7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

But it does not negate the fact that Jesus is Lord, and HE DIED...

Phil 2: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The difficulty of all the world accepting the truth of God's word is the fact that they don't believe the Bible is the inherent, infallible, inspired Holy word. Or else they don't believe in the validity of all the books thinking that not all were inspired.

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

*The truth of the matter is you will never be able to render unto God the things that be of God until you know for yourself who He is!

Now for the unsaved the issue is not that creation itself doesn't bare the signature the author...

But the God of this world (Satan) has blinded the minds of the nonbeliever

2 Cor 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Even for nation of Israel who have rejected Christ as the messiah prophesied to come

2 Cor 3:14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same

vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which *vail* is done away in Christ.

The Universe belongs to God by reason of creation. Gen1:1

This world belongs to God as apart of the universe and everything on this earth belongs to the God of the universe. - Ps 4:1

Every person made in Gods image belongs to God - Ge 1:26

The very soul of every person created by God belongs to God.

Ezekiel 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

back to our focal verse;

Lu 20:25 And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.

It would have been their advantage instead of trying to trap Jesus to listen to his response apply their hearts to understanding.

If they truly believed what they touted;

that they were sons of Abraham and that God was their father, they too would be followers of Jesus.

If we who are of the body of Christ know Him as we ought to, we too would have no problem rendering unto God That which is His.