

IMAGES

Phar and Sad we know; but who are Herodians? Seldom mentioned, Mk 3:6; 8:15 and this incident. Preceded by parable of vineyard (vv. 1-12); vineyard is Is; servants of prophets and in Bapt; son is X. Destruction 70 AD. They understood, v12, but failed to take X. Leaders sent Phar and Herodians. Herodians were men of influence friendly to Herodian rule and thus to Roman rule upon which it rested. Appeasers of Rome. Yet united with Pharisees here bec agreed that issue was nationalism vs submission to foreign power. Or perhaps Herodians courted favor with Rome and just united here against common foe, Christ.

I. The Question, 15-17

A. Purpose, 15. Entangle = trap Him (only here NT) as trap a bird.

B. Procedure, 16 Flattery (hypocrisy). -Lk raise the face. No respect of persons. Not moved by outward appearance; won't show partiality.

Then the question, 17. Deut 17:15. Poll-tax levied on each. Used foreign word census (tribute). If God gave them land, and let them live there and recd their worship in it, then how could Jews pay tribute to any king, power, god. If X said should, then disloyal to Jews; if no, to Romans.

II. The Reply, 18-22

A. Perception of Jesus, 18.

B. Illustration of Jesus, 19-20. Silver denarius. Head of Tiberius. Inscription around Tib Caesar Augustus, Son of the Divine Aug." Reverse side: mother Livia in role of Pax seated, holding branch and scepter. Inscriptio Pontif Maxim.

C. The Points.

(1) 1. We have an obligation to govt under which we live. Pay what is due. Same as in Rom 13:7. Circulating coin shows right to govt to levy tax. 13:7 tribute=taxes on person or property; custom=taxes on goods.

Note X did not answer ques of whether Caesar had right to coin money and be ruler over Jews. He was in fact, and X implies that nat'l independence not the ultimate goal nor patriotism that fights for it ultimate virtue.

(2) Obligation to God. This is basis for obeying govt. Spheres are separate and interrelated. If Is had obeyed God would'nt have been under Roman rule. We obey Him not for political benefit but bec we bear image of God.

ou are men--and the image stamped on you is the image of God. So what do you owe him?" Sayers. What included in image?

1. Sovereignty God gave man, Gen 1:26. Our wills we should give back to Him.
2. Intelligence, Gen 2:20. Our minds. Rom 12:2.
3. Our life itself, Gen. 2:7 with all of our creativity.

Man has corrupted this tho not erased it-- sovereignty thru sceince; intelligence thru evolution; creativity in art, music, forms of devilment.

Concl. Image corrupted but can be changed by receiving ^{2 Cor 3:18} X. Then 2 Cor 3:18 and ultimately 1 Cor. 15:49.

Image set by King in promise he would visit