



THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK

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Close to the time of Jesus' death, he became extremely popular and was constantly followed by a multitude of people. This multitude regarded him so highly that at one instance they intended on making him a king on earth, which was against the plan of God, so Jesus had to depart unto the mountains for a while. (John 6:15)

The religious leaders, however, could not have Jesus as their Messiah. He didn't fit into the form of what they thought the Messiah should be. So, they desired to get rid of him. But, Jesus was so highly perceived that we read that when the religious leaders "sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet." (Matt 21:46)

Even with this obstacle, the religious leaders were not out of ideas to get rid of their 'thorn in the side'. Instead of being the ones seen as Jesus' arresting and persecuting agent, they figured

they could trick Jesus into saying something that would make Him a criminal, and allow Rome to do away with Jesus! So we read that the Pharisees "took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk." (Matt 22:15) Let us look carefully at a question and an answer given by Christ so that we can know how to properly answer every man.

One occasion finally comes to them and they tried to trick Jesus into saying something that they could use against him. The record tells us, "And they sent out unto him their disciples with the

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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TODAY'S WORSHIP

PRAYER LIST

HEALTH

Sarah Adams	Beula Keppler
Josh Becker	Bob Meiers
Michelle Becker	Arnold Miller
Bill Brown	Gaylin Miller
Ed Brown	Mike Miller
Dawn Copes	Katelyn Norris
Delaney Diggs	Don Philips
Michael Doty	Hallie Philips
Ann Egan	Sharron Presley
Shirley Engold	Cora Shrake
Dan Franklin	Raymond Warfel
John Geer	Don Whitaker
Tom Haines	Rhonda Wood
George Hauser	Ron Wood
Keith Hodges	Mark Young
Skylar Huffstutler	Joan Zindel
Erin Jones	

ENCOURAGEMENT AND TRAVELING

Don Craig
Kenny Block
Rudie Miller
Bob Whitaker
Blake Woolard

ORDER OF SERVICE

MORNING

Song Leader	Bob Whitaker
Opening Prayer	Don Phillips
Lord's Table	Don Craig
Assist	Eric Whitaker
Assist	Bob Calvert
Assist	Jerry Witt
Lesson	Shawn Daniels
Closing Prayer	Bob Calvert

EVENING

Song Leader	Singing Night
Opening Prayer	
Lesson	Singing Night
Closing Prayer	

TODAY'S SERMON:

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS: INTRODUCTION

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son"

- Heb 1:2a

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If you can't thank God for it, you
better not do it! (Dee Bowman)

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Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teach the way of God in truth, neither cares thou for any man: for thou regard not the person of men. Tell us therefore, what think thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?" (Matt 22:16-17)

I want you to notice first of all, how that the ones asking the question tried to make themselves seem to be friends of Jesus. They tried to ensnare Christ by pretending to be on his side by saying that they knew that his saying were true and from God. They claimed to know how Jesus just tells it the way it is without regard of men's authority. You see, they were trying to "butter" up Jesus and work upon his ego! Luckily Jesus didn't have ego trips, and neither should we. When one allows his ego to become inflated, he is on the verge of slipping up. Solomon says, "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." (Prov 16:18) Again, he says, "When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom." (Prov 11:2)

When we talk, we need to use discretion in our speech. Peter says, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." (1 Peter 3:15) To sanctify the Lord God in your hearts means to set God in the foremost section of the mind. You allow God's word to do the talking by speaking by

its pattern and precepts. Meekness and fear, or reverence to God, is needed to properly accomplish this; not an inflated ego. Inflated egos will only get in the way and speak what you want and not accomplish God's will.

Jesus had an attitude of meekness and fear when he answered their question. The record tells us, "Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, 'Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money.' And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, 'Whose is this image and superscription?' They say unto him, 'Caesar's.' Then saith he unto them, 'Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.' When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left him, and went their way." (Matt 22:18-22)

You see how that Jesus' answer completely flabbergasted the tempters. He was able to answer their question by using His knowledge of Scripture and truths of God, and kept out of the snare. Let us all learn from this example and better watch the things we say and live a peaceful life as children of God. If you are not a child of God, I plead with you to become one by being obedient to His Gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation! (Rom 1:16)

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Sermon Notes

