Mark

The **Gospel** of the **Servant of God**

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a. A ***Question*** concerning **Taxes** (12:13-17)

[13] Then **they** sent some of the **Pharisees** and **Herodians** to **Him**
in order to **trap Him** in a **statement**.

[14] They came and said to **Him,**
"**Teacher,** we know that **You** are **truthful** and **defer** to **no one**;
for **You** are **not partial** to any, but **teach** the **way of God** in **truth**.

Is it **lawful** to **pay** a **poll-tax** to **Caesar,** or **not**?

[15] Shall **we pay** or shall we **not pay**?

" But **He,** knowing their ***hypocrisy,*** said to them,
"Why are you **testing Me**? Bring **Me** a **denarius** to look at."

[16] They brought *one*. And **He said** to them,
"Whose **likeness** and **inscription** is this?"
And they said to Him, "**Caesar's**."

[17] And **Jesus** said to them,
"**Render** to **Caesar** the **things** that are **Caesar's**,

and **to God** the **things** that are **God's**." And they were ***amazed*** at **Him**.

b. A ***Question*** concerning the **Resurrection** (12:18-27)

[18] *Some* **Sadducees** (who say that there is **no resurrection**)
came to **Jesus**, and *began* **questioning Him**, saying,

[19] "**Teacher, Moses** wrote for us that IF A MAN'S **BROTHER DIES**
and leaves behind **a wife** AND LEAVES **NO CHILD**, **HIS BROTHER** SHOULD
MARRY THE **WIFE** AND **RAISE UP CHILDREN** TO **HIS BROTHER**.

[20] There were **seven brothers**; and the first took **a wife**,
and **died** leaving **no children**.

[21] The **second one** married her, and **died** leaving behind **no children**;
and the **third likewise**;

[22] and *so* **all seven** left **no children**. Last of all the **woman died** also.

[23] In the **resurrection**, when they **rise again**, which **one's wife** will **she be**?
For **all seven** had **married her**."

[24] **Jesus** said to them, "Is this not the ***reason*** you are **mistaken**,
that you do not **understand** the **Scriptures** or the **power of God**?

[25] For when they **rise** from the **dead**, they ***neither*** **marry**
nor are **given** in **marriage**, but are like ***angels*** **in heaven**.

[26] But regarding the **fact** that the **dead rise again**,
have you not read in the **book of Moses**,

in the *passage* about *the* ***burning*** **bush**, how **God spoke** to **him,** saying,
'**I AM** THE **GOD OF ABRAHAM**, AND THE **GOD OF ISAAC**, AND THE **GOD OF JACOB**'?

[27] **He is** ***not*** the **God** of the **dead**, but of the **living**; you are ***greatly*** **mistaken**."

Speaking of **Leaders**...
Biblical Exhortations for **America's Leaders** on our **250th Independence Day**

A. **Exhorting** them to ***Rule*** **Humbly** – The **King's** ***lesson*** in **humility**

The **king (Nebuchadnezzar)** ***reflected*** and said,
'Is this not **Babylon the great**, which **I myself** have **built** as a **royal residence**

by the ***might*** of **my power** and for the ***glory*** of **my majesty**?'

While the **word** *was* in the **king's mouth**, a ***voice*** came from **heaven**,
saying, '**King Nebuchadnezzar**, to **you** it is declared:
sovereignty has been **removed** from **you,**

and you will be ***driven away*** from **mankind,** and your **dwelling place**
will be with the ***beasts*** of the **field.** You will be given ***grass* to eat** like **cattle**,

and ***seven periods*** of time will **pass over** you ***until* you recognize**
that the **Most High** is **ruler** over the **realm of mankind**
and ***bestows it*** on **whomever He wishes**...

Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, ***praise, exalt*** and ***honor*** the **King of heaven**,
for all **His works** are ***true*** and **His ways *just***,
and **He is able** to **humble *those*** who **walk in *pride***." (Daniel 4:30-32, 37)

B. **Exhorting** them to ***Rule*** **in the Fear of God**

The **fear of the LORD** is the **beginning** of ***wisdom***,
and the **knowledge** of the **Holy One** is ***understanding***. (Proverbs 9:10)

"The **God of Israel** said, the **Rock of Israel** spoke to **me (David),**
he who ***rules*** over men **righteously**,
who ***rules*** in **the fear of God**,

is as the **light** of the **morning** *when* the **sun rises,**
a morning ***without* clouds**, *when* the **tender**
grass *springs* out of the **earth**, through **sunshine** after **rain**."
(II Samuel 23:3-4)

But the **former *governors*** who were before me **laid burdens** on the **people**
and ***took*** from them **bread** and **wine** besides forty shekels of **silver**;
even their **servants domineered** the **people**.
But **I (Nehemiah)** did not do so because of the **fear of God**. (Nehemiah 5:15)

C. **Exhorting** them to ***Rule*** **Justly**

The **king** gives ***stability*** to the land **by justice**,
but a **man** who takes **bribes *overthrows it***. (Proverbs 29:4)

Then **she** (the **queen** of **Sheba**) said to the **king (Solomon),..**
" **Blessed** be the **LORD your God** who **delighted** in you,
setting you on **His throne** as **king** for the **LORD your God**;

because **your God loved Israel establishing** them **forever,**
therefore **He** made you **king over them**,
to do **justice** and **righteousness**." (II Chronicles 9:5a, 8)

"You shall not **follow** a **multitude** in **doing evil**, nor shall you testify

in a dispute so as to **turn aside** after a **multitude** in order to ***pervert*** **justice;**
nor shall you be ***partial*** to a **poor man** in his **dispute**.
(Exodus 23:2-3)

Masters, grant to your **slaves justice** and **fairness,**
knowing that ***you too*** have a **Master in heaven**. (Colossians 4:1)

D. **Exhorting** them to ***Rule*** **Righteously** (by the **word of God**)

Loyalty and **truth** ***preserve*** the **king**,
and he ***upholds*** his **throne** by **righteousness.** (Proverbs 20:28)

It is an **abomination** for **kings** to commit **wicked acts,**
for a **throne** is **established** on **righteousness**. (Proverbs 16:12)

Righteousness exalts a nation,
but **sin** is a ***disgrace*** to *any* people. (Proverbs 14:34)

My **son (king),** if you will **receive my words**
and ***treasure*** **my commandments** within you,
Make your **ear** attentive to ***wisdom***, incline your **heart** to ***understanding***;..

For the **LORD gives *wisdom;***
from **His mouth** *come* ***knowledge*** and ***understanding.***..

Then you will **discern righteousness** and **justice**
and **equity** *and* every **good course**. (Proverbs 2:1-2, 9)

E. **Exhorting** them to ***Rule*** **Compassionately**

If a **king judges** the **poor** with **truth**,
his throne will be **established forever**. (Proverbs 29:14)

Thus says **the LORD**, "Go down to the **house** of the **king of Judah**,
and there speak **this word** and say, '***Hear*** the **word of the LORD**,
O king of Judah, who sits on **David's throne**,
you and **your servants** and **your people** who enter these gates.

Thus says **the LORD**, "**Do justice** and **righteousness**, and ***deliver***
the **one** who has been **robbed** from the **power** of ***his*** **oppressor**.

Also **do not mistreat** *or* **do violence** to the **stranger**, the **orphan**, or the **widow**;
and **do not *shed* innocent blood** in **this place**. (Jeremiah 22:1-3)

He has told you, **O man (O king),** what is ***good***;
and what does the **LORD require** of you but to **do justice**, to **love kindness**,
and to **walk humbly** with **your God**? (Micah 6:8)

Closing Comments