

AND THEY SENT TO HIM SOME OF THE PHARISEES AND SOME OF THE HERODIANS, TO TRAP HIM IN HIS TALK. AND THEY CAME AND SAID TO HIM, "TEACHER, WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE TRUE AND DO NOT CARE ABOUT ANYONE'S OPINION. FOR YOU ARE NOT SWAYED BY APPEARANCES, BUT TRULY TEACH THE WAY OF GOD. IS IT LAWFUL TO PAY TAXES TO CAESAR, OR NOT? SHOULD WE PAY

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THEM, OR SHOULD WE NOT?" BUT, KNOWING THEIR HYPOCRISY, HE SAID TO THEM, "WHY PUT ME TO THE TEST? BRING ME A DENARIUS AND LET ME LOOK AT IT." AND THEY BROUGHT ONE. AND HE SAID TO THEM, "WHOSE LIKENESS AND INSCRIPTION IS THIS?" THEY SAID TO HIM, "CAESAR'S." JESUS SAID TO THEM, "RENDER TO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR'S, AND TO

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GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S." AND THEY MARVELED AT HIM. YOU ARE NOT SWAYED BY APPEARANCES, BUT TRULY TEACH THE WAY OF GOD. IS IT LAWFUL TO PAY TAXES TO CAESAR, OR NOT? SHOULD WE PAY

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EVERYTHING ELSE

...CONSISTENT FAITHFULNESS TO SCRIPTURE WILL NEVER SQUARE WITH TOTAL ALIGNMENT WITH ANY POLITICAL PARTY. A GOSPEL AGENDA IS NOT SET BY PARTISAN THINK TANKS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IT'S SET BY SCRIPTURE. A GOSPEL AGENDA MAY ALIGN WITH SOME ASPECTS OF ONE POLITICAL PARTY AND SOME OF ANOTHER—AND SHOULD SPUR US TO ENGAGE IN THOSE AREAS—

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BUT IT ALSO DECIDEDLY REJECTS SOME ASPECTS OF BOTH. GOD'S AGENDA IS BETTER, BIGGER, AND MORE GLORIOUS THAN ANY ONE PARTY, NATION, CULTURE, OR TIME. THE MISSION OF JESUS WILL OUTLAST EVERY WHITE HOUSE TENURE. IT WILL OUTLAST AMERICA ITSELF. FOR THE CHRISTIAN, THE "RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY" IS ALWAYS THE SIDE THAT PLACES FAITHFULNESS TO THE

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**ETERNAL GOD ABOVE LOYALTY TO A TEMPORAL
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FINDING A PARTY OR CANDIDATE'S POSITION ON ONE ISSUE COMPELLING, AND FEELING PRESSURE TO BUY INTO THEIR ENTIRE PLATFORM AS A RESULT.

DO YOU FIND IT **HARD**
TO CRITICIZE YOUR
PARTY OF CHOICE?

ARE YOU ABLE TO **SPEAK**
WELL OF THE **OTHER PARTY**?

DO YOU **EVANGELIZE MORE**
FOR YOUR **PARTY**, THAN
FOR YOUR **FAITH**?

**DO YOU JUMP TO YOUR
CANDIDATE'S DEFENSE
ANY TIME THEY'RE
CRITICIZED?**

DO YOU HAVE MORE **IN**
COMMON WITH THOSE
WHO SHARE YOUR **POLITICS**,
THAN WITH THOSE WHO
SHARE YOUR **FAITH**?

