

THE LAST WORD

MATTHEW 22:15-46

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but few are chosen."**

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**19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny.**

**20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?**

**21 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.**

**22 When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.**

# **I. The Conflict With The Herodians (22:15-32)**

**A. An improbable alliance (v 15)**

**B. An improper motive (v 15)**

**C. An improper perspective (v 16)**

**D. An improper attitude (v 17)**

**E. An incredible answer (vv 18-21)**

**F. An insufficient response (v 22)**

## **Matthew 22:23-33**

**23** The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him,  
**24** Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

**25** Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother:

**26** Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.

**27** And last of all the woman died also.

**28** Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

## **Matthew 22:23-33 - continued**

**29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.**

**30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.**

**31 But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,**

**32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.**

**33 And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine.**

## **II. The Conflict With The Saducees (22:23-33)**

**A. Their erroneous beliefs (v 23)**

**B. Their erroneous question (vv 24-28)**

**C. Their error exposed (vv 29-32)**

**1. The sources of their error (v 29)**

**2. The revelation of their error ( vv 30-32)**

**D. The effect on the crowd (33)**

## **Matthew 22:34-40**

**34 But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.**

**35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,**

**36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?**

**37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

**38 This is the first and great commandment.**

**39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

**40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

### **III. The Conflict With The Pharisees (22:34-40)**

**A. They thought they could do better than the previous two attempts (v 34)**

**B. Their “good” question (vv 35-36)**

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## **C. Christ's great answer (vv 37-40)**

### **1. Love God with all that is you**

**Deuteronomy 6:5**

**And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.**

### **2. Love your neighbor as you would want to be loved.**

**Leviticus 19:18**

**Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.**

# **III. The Conflict With The Pharisees (22:34-40)**

## **C. Christ's great answer (vv 37-40) - continued**

### **3. Pure love is the ability to keep all the commandments (v 40)**

#### **1 John 5:1-3**

**1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.**

**2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.**

**3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.**

## **Matthew 22:41-46**

**41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,**

**42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David.**

**43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,**

**44 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?**

**45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?**

**46 And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.**

## **IV. Their Conflict Causes Confusion (22:41-46)**

**A. Christ's single question (v 41)**

**B. The most important question for all (v 42)**

**“What think ye of Christ?”**

**C. To properly answer you must accept the plan of God by the Spirit of God (vv 43-44)**

**D. The purpose of the question (vv 45-46)**

**What Is Your Answer?**

