

17. Fundamental Question: What allegiance does the Christian owe to government? Specifically, what “belongs to Caesar” and what belongs to “God?” Our primary material we discussed in class is on the website at

<https://DiggingDeeper.Life/content/Scriptures%20Re%20the%20Christian%20in%20American%20Politics.pdf>

Matthew 22:15-22, Mark 12:13-17, Luke 20:29-26; pericope 165

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18. Why were the Sadducees uncomfortable with the notion of a believer’s resurrection? How was this related to their political influence and power? What are modern manifestations of this predisposition to diminish the “spiritual” aspect of Judeo-Christian-Islamic religious theology & practice? Matthew 22:23-33, Mark 12:18-27, Luke 20:27-40; pericope 166

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19. Why was Jesus asked: “What is the most important commandment of all?” What theological heresy or mistake underlies such a question? Given the shema is indeed “Number 1,” what is the significance of decreeing it and “loving your neighbor” as “all the Law and Prophets depend on these two commandments?” Matthew 22:34-40, Mark 12:28-34; pericope 167

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20. What great argument/mystery was the Christ asking when inquiring of the Pharisees just whose son Messiah is? How would you answer that today? What have you learned about using “translations” from this interchange between the Christ and Pharisees? Matthew 22:41-46, Mark 12:35-37, Luke 20:41-44; pericope 168

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21. Why did Messiah Yeshua challenge the professors and theologians of His time regarding phylacteries and tassels? If He were to extend His challenge today, about what would He expect explanation and/or indict? Matthew 22:23-33, Mark 12:18-27, Luke 20:27-40; pericope 169

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22. What portions of Messiah Yeshua’s challenge to the professors and theologians of His time were the most severe? Which portions have the most relevance today to believers in the Lord God? That is, if He were to extend His challenge today, about what would He indict and/or especially expect explanation? Matthew 23:1-36, Mark 12:38-40, Luke 20:45-47; pericope 169

Most Severe? \_\_\_\_\_

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Most Relevance? \_\_\_\_\_

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Matthew 23:16 & 18— \_\_\_\_\_

Greek: “Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing.” (16) and “Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing.” (18)

What is good about legalism? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is bad about legalism? \_\_\_\_\_

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How is hypocrisy a problem for promulgating the message of the Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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How is hypocrisy a problem for the individual believer who follows the Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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How do we avoid this type of hypocrisy? \_\_\_\_\_

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23. How would you resolve the problem of our attitudes toward the widow and her mite? How do we achieve her righteousness? Why does that work? Mark 12:41-44, Luke 20:27-40; pericope 170

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