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April 16, 2023

Welcome!

"With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; for when your judgements are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness"

Please come back tonight at 6pm as we continue our study of the feasts and festivals of the Jews!

Prayer List

Our sympathies are with **Patricia Stroud** and her family in the loss of her grandson

Mamie Hamilton is dealing with diverticulitis

Newborn **Theo Ezell** was able to go home last week

Remember all those affected by the shooting at **The Covenant School**, especially the **Dieckhaus** family in the loss of their daughter Evelyn.

Maria Hunter Harrington's surgery went very well, and she is recuperating at home

Elizabeth's grandmother **Carol Saling** has cancer

Continue to pray for: **Kristine Garrett**, **Forshia Pennington**, those affected by the storms in Arkansas and Mississippi, **Sheila Krantz**, **Kim Waller**, **Carol Allen**, **Jo Walker**, **Pat Agee, Sherry Russell**, **Keith Walker**, **Camille Brosky**, **Diane Singleton**, **Chelsea Roaden**, those in **Ukraine**; **Judy Cook**, the **Brown** family, **John Hayes, Nick Phifer**, **Weston Johnson** and **Bill Gillock**

We invite everyone to study the book of Romans with us this Wednesday night at 7:00; we will be in chapter 8 this week

Serving Today

Song Leader:
Steve Buchanan

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
John Buchanan

Prayer:
Eddie Walker

WORSHIP (10:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Ricky Mayo
Matthew 17:24-27

Wait On Table:
Johnny Walker

Serve:
David Billingsley
Josh Demonbreun

Prayer:
Jeff Baker

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 am
Sunday PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm

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I. The _____ of the Tribute

A. Asking

"Does your teacher pay the tax?"

B. Answering

"Yes"

Why would Peter answer this way?

II. The _____ of the Tribute

A. Exemption

"the sons are free"

B. Expediency

"not to give offense"

Jesus lays down his right of exemption from the tax.

-Phil 2:5-11

-Rom 14 – 15:7

-1Co 8; 10:23-33

III. The _____ of the Tribute

A. Poverty

Jesus gave up the richness of being with God for a life of poverty on earth. He did not have enough to even pay the half-shekel tax. - 2 Co 8:9

B. Power

This miracle reinforces His Deity and right of exemption

Last visit Christ and His disciples made to Capernaum before the crucifixion

Matthew 17:24–27 (ESV)

24 When they came to ***Capernaum***, the collectors of the ***two-drachma tax*** went up to **Peter** and said, "***Does your teacher not pay the tax***?"

Unlikely this was an innocent question.
What could be their motivation?

Possible this was the first time in his ministry he was asked to pay. Religious teachers were often excluded.

25 He said, "***Yes***." And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, **Simon**? ***From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?***"

Omniscience of Jesus is on full display.
The Temple was His "Father's house" (**Jn 2:16**). The collectors would not have recognized Him as the Son of God, but Peter did (**Jn 6:69; Mt 16:16**).

26 And when he said, "***From others***," Jesus said to him, "***Then the sons are free***.

Two-drachma (v. 24) = 1/2 Shekel

27 **However**, ***not to give offense to them***, go to the sea and ***cast a hook*** and take the first fish that comes up, and when you ***open its mouth you will find a shekel***. Take that and ***give it to them for me and for yourself***."

*Some have tried to recharacterize this exchange as Jesus saying that Christians need not pay taxes to governing authorities. However, this was NOT a civil tax from Rome, but one commanded by God to be collected from Jewish men. Jesus never demonstrates rebellion toward governing authorities during His ministry (**Matthew 22:15-22**).*

Miracles

-At least six miracles of Jesus Christ were performed for Peter or were directly related to him

- Two great catches of fish
  -Lk 5:4–10
  -Jn 21:5–11
- Curing of his mother-in-law
  -Lk 4:38, 39
- Walking on water
  -Mt 14:22–33
- The healing of the man's ear that Peter cut off with a sword in the Gethsemane
  -Jn 18:10, 11
  -Lk 22:50, 51
- The coin in the fish's mouth (this lesson)

The Two-Drachma Tax (24)

-Matthew, the former tax collector, is the only Gospel writer to record this incident.

-It obviously would have special interest to him though it was not the particular tax he collected.

-This tax commenced in the Wilderness when God instructed Moses to take a half shekel from every male 20 years and older (**Exodus 30:11–16**).

-It was first used for the Tabernacle, and later it was used for the work of the Temple (**Nehemiah 10:32** – the amount then was only 1/3 of a shekel).

-The practice was still being observed during the time of Christ for upkeep of the Temple (Josephus - Antiq. III, 193–96 [viii.2]; XVIII, 312 [ix.1] and Mishnah [*Shekalim*])

-The money was often misused.

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