



Christians should be the best Citizens

We should obey our rulers as long as it is not contrary to God's word.

Romans 13:1-7

We should pay our taxes.

Matthew 22:16-22, Romans 13:7

We should honor those to whom honor is due.

Romans 13:7

We are to submit to the powers which rule over us and honour the king.

I Peter 2:13-17

We should not speak evil of dignities.

Jude 8-9, II Peter 2:10-11

What should our living this way do?

Can you find any other passages which deal with how we should live as citizens?



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# A Study of Matthew

Matthew 22:1-46

Lesson 20

**Assignment for next Week** — Read Matthew 23:1-39

**Memory Verse** — Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus being God's son was able to share with us knowledge of Heaven and God's kingdom. On several occasions the Pharisees, Scribes, Sadducees, and Herodians each tried to test Jesus. Through Christ's answers to these questions we learn more about how we should live as citizens of a nation, about some of our nature in the world to come, and about the greatest commandment in the Law.

One of the parables Jesus told was about a king who was celebrating the wedding of his son and when he had called the invited guests they refused his invitation and some even killed his servants. The king was angry with those who refused him and destroyed them and their cities and told his servants to go into the highways and invite all to come to the dinner. Truly God has invited us to a great feast and desires that we would be His. However, many men have chosen their business or work to be more important than God's and some have even went as far as to kill our Lord's servants. How tragic that one would kill those who would invite them to enjoy such a great occasion. At the feast there was one present without a wedding garment. The king had the one who had come unsuitable prepared cast into outer darkness. Let us seek to have the garment that God would desire us to have by obeying his word and will. Once again Christ repeats, "Many are called but few are chosen." Many men have heard God's word, but not all have chosen to obey. May we be those who are willing to accept God's

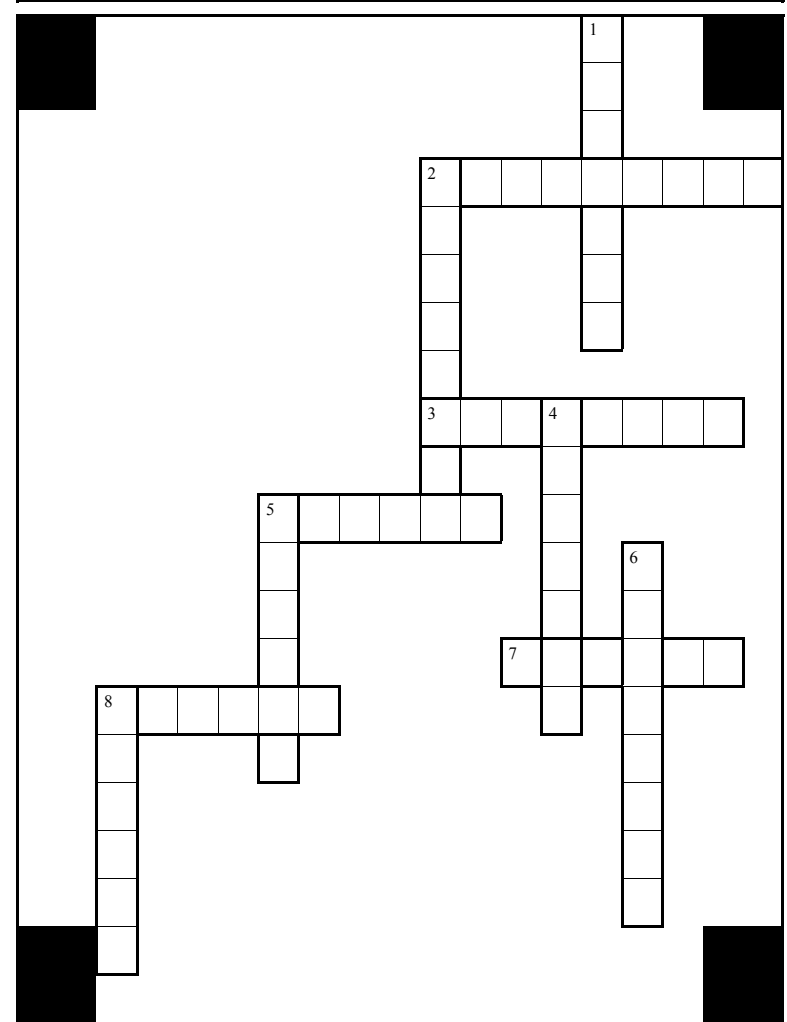
goodness and graciousness and seek to live for him.

Sometime later the Pharisees sent their followers along with the Herodians to test Jesus. The question they asked Jesus was whether it was lawful to give tribute to Caesar. Christ answered that they should give to Caesar the things that are Caesars and to God the things that are God's.

A while after the Herodians had asked Jesus their question the Sadducees came and asked Jesus a question concerning the resurrection. The Sadducees explained the situation of a woman who had seven husbands. The wife had married a man and when he died she had no children. It was customary when a man had died leaving no seed for his wife to marry his brother and this is what she did. This same incident happened five more times until she had been the wife of all seven brothers and died. The Sadducees wanted to know whose wife she would be in the resurrection. The Lord told the Sadducees that they did not know the scriptures. The Lord taught them that in the resurrection they are neither married or given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven.

Finally, a lawyer came and asked Jesus what the greatest commandment in the law was. Christ answered, that the greatest commandment was for him to love the Lord God with all his heart, soul, mind and strength. Christ told him that the second great commandment was to love one's neighbor as himself stating that upon those two commandments the whole law was hung. Today we too should love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. If we Love God we will do his will. Also Paul said that if we love our neighbor as our self we will fulfill the whole law. It is critical that we love our neighbor because John wrote that if we cannot love our brother whom we have seen how can we love our Heavenly

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# Cross Word Fun for Learning

## Across

2. What sect of Jews came and asked Jesus if it was lawful to give tribute to Ceaser?(22:16)
3. Jesus said that we should love these as ourselves.(22:39)
5. Jesus ask the Pharisees whom this person was the Son of? (22:42)
7. We will be like these in the resurection.(22:30)
8. A man who was one of these came and asked Jesus what the greatest commandment of the law was.(22:35)

## Down

1. In the parable taught in this lesson a king was having this type of feast.(22:2)
2. The Sadducees came and asked Jesus a question about a woman who had seven of these?(22:28)
4. A man was throw out of the feast because he did not have one of these for the wedding.(22:11)
5. Jesus said that the things of Ceaser should be given to \_\_\_\_\_.(22:21)
6. After Christ asked the Pharisees why David had called the Christ Lord when the Christ was his son the Pharisees from that point no longer asked Christ any of these.(22:46)
8. Our God is the God the \_\_\_\_\_.(22:32)

Lesson 19 - Across - 2. Temple, 3. Believing, 5. Olives, 7. Kingdom, 9. Authority - Down - 1. Children, 3. Baptism, 4. Hosanna, 6. Vineyard, 8. Fig



Father whom we have not.

When the Pharisees were assemble, Jesus asked them whose son the Christ was? The Pharisees answered that he was David's. Christ then asked them if Christ was David's son, why did David call the Christ his Lord? The Pharisees were unable to answer Jesus question and from this time forward they did not dare to question him anymore.

Jesus was God in the flesh and we can learn much from him. God wants us to love him and our fellow man. God wants us to live in subjection to our rulers and God wants us to be in Heaven. Some day God will call for us to attend his great banquet. Our we going to be those who have chosen not to follow him because of our business or work or other activity. Will we be like those who have killed his servants? Or will we be those who gladly accept the invitation and come prepared for the feast?

Match the scripture with the incident

Scriptures from Matthew

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| a. 22:1-13  | b. 22:16-17 | c. 2:21     |
| d. 22:23-28 | e. 22:32    | f. 22:33-36 |
| g. 22:37    | h. 22:41-42 | i. 22:43-45 |

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. The Sadducees came and asked Jesus a question about the resurrection.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Christ told a parable about a king who gave a wedding feast and when the feast was ready he called the guests; however, when the invited were called they refused to come and some even killed the king's servants. The King then sent and killed those who had refused him and destroyed their cities. The King then sent his servants into the highways and byways to bid all to come in.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Christ taught that the greatest commandment was to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Jesus asked the Pharisees why David called the Christ Lord if the Christ was his son.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Jesus said that God is the God of the Living, not a God of the dead.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. A lawyer came and asked Jesus what the greatest commandment was.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Jesus asked the Pharisees whom the Christ was the son of.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Jesus told men to give to Ceaser the things that are Ceaser's and to God the things that are God's.

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. The Herodians came and asked Jesus if it was lawful to pay tribute to Ceaser.

# Questions

1. What was the parable of the wedding feast?
2. What did the guests do when bidden to the feast? What did the King do to them because of their answer?
3. Where did the King send his servants to find guests for his feast?
4. Why was a man cast out of the feast?
5. What question did the Herodians come and asked Jesus? What was Christ's answer to them and what can we learn from it?
6. What question did the Sadducees come and asked Jesus? What can we learn from Christ's answer?
7. What question did a Lawyer come and asked Jesus? What can we learn from Christ's response?
8. What question did Christ ask the Pharisees? What was their answer?