

First Southern Wednesday Bible Study - April 27, 2022

Whose Wife Is She? - Luke 20

Title:/Text: Whose Wife is She in Heaven? - Lk 20:27-40

Introduction: Three attacks:

1. What authority? - Luke 20:1-19
-scribes, chief priests and elders
2. Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar? - Lk 20:20-26
-spies (20)
3. Whose wife is she? - Lk 20:27-40

I. What Authority? - Lk 20:1-19

The issue of authority - Who controls who? Who's in charge?

Used to - have examples

-teachers = authority figures -cops, pastors, moms and dads, military, church

Nowadays... its different

-in military - still clear lines

-pastors who do not vote to decide

-ball teams

In the Bible - lines taught

-husbands over wives

-parents over children

-subject to governments (good and bad)

-pastors over churches

-subject to slave owners

Encourage you to consider - passages

-powers, authorities, control

Here what authority/ right or control?

Here they ask... Who gave you the right?

See it as Lordship/ Control/ Authority

Death, demons, natural world, disease

Last - to humans who've rebelled against God

Then Jesus - "follow me" - says

Resistance - sense that He will want to be boss

1. By What Authority?

A. The delegation - over simplify

Chief priests - spiritual leaders

Scribes - moral leaders

Elders - civil authority

B. Authority to turn over the tables? - to do miracles - to teach as He does

Was it?

-to do miracles?

-to teach as He does?

-was He invading Jewish territory?

-where do these miracles come from?

All together - or just a test?

Their question...

3. The Dilemma

A. From God/ from men? - blasphemy

From man - rebellion?

B. Just a test!

-a false question

Who did Cain marry?

4. Jesus' Question to Them

A. Turns the table - "**I** will ask **you**"

-like Render unto Caesar

Is it lawful to pay tax?

Is it lawful to get a divorce for any cause?

B. What about John?

Two options

If they had accepted John

If they can't judge John, how can they judge Jesus

C. Big picture - authority - would they receive Him? No

5. What about their question? - Authority

A. Bigger issue - is valid

B. The parable says - I own this vineyard

1) Wider issue - of what right do you have

Pharisees asked it - so do we?

Come to grips with - what right does He have?

2) Nature to rebel

-if unchecked it grows

-Rebellious attitude -

-at base we need leadership

-at base we are rebellious of it

3) Authority?

Here comes Jesus

A. "Kingdom" at hand

-all the "kingdom" verses

-imply He rules, He reigns

-or, has the right to

B. Comes, confronts the issue

Disease - Lord over disease

Storms - Lord over storms (natural world)

Demons - Lord over demons (realm of Satan)

Death - Lord over the whole realm of death

II. The Sadducee Riddle - "whose wife is she?"

1. Introduction

A. Based on scripture - Dt. 25:5

-brother dies, marry his wife

B. People take/ twist scripture

- like Satan in temptation
- most desirous
- C. Sadducee doctrine - deny resurrection (27)
 - To prove no resurrection
 - logical impossibility
 - it makes no sense...
- D. To assume they know it all
 - all about how God works
 - all about God
 - all about the next life
 - You are all in all!

2. Things are Different in Heaven: -“in that world”

- A. Do not marry (35)
- B. Equal to angels (36)
 - don't die there
- C. He is God of the living (37-40)
 - others are alive there
 - So... problem that world is the same. Or similar?
- D. No, its different there
 - No marriage there -Meditate...
 - Means... greatest - not even as there
 - So much better
 - No male nor female - for this life
 - Death does not exist
 - Death
 - curse on mankind = work
 - curse on Eve = childbirth
 - curse on serpent - crawl
 - curse of death - and all its manifestations
 - God of the living - all the way back

3. The Sadducee's Mistakes:

- A. To think of heaven as like earth
 - (“this” world - 34, vs “that world” - 35)
 - think all the good things here will be there
 - eye has not seen, ear has not heard - mind hasn't even imagined
- B. To not know our Bibles
 - bible plainly says
 - to reach heaven
 - example, through this way or that one way?
- C. To use illogical logic
 - Example, - can God invent something He can't carry?
 - Example, - God could stop this therefore He must not be good
 - Example, - Be happier if do Satan's work
- D. To assume they know it all