SUNDAY GUIDE

**THEME**: Sanctified as living sacrifices

**TOPIC:**

**TEXT:** Mathew22 vs 15-21

*15 “Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk.” 16 “And they sent out unto him their disciples with the herodians saying,master,we know that thou at true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man for thou regardest not the person of men.” 17 “Tell us therefore, what thinkest thou ? is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?” 18 “But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? 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 said 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.”*

The book of Mathew 22 from verse 0ne to two you get to understand that Jesus was teaching about the kingdom of heaven, but his teaching was in parables. According to (KJV) Mathew 22 vs 1-2, 1 “*And Jesus answered and spake unto them in again by parables and said.” 2 “The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain King, which made* *a marriage for his son ”* the book of Mathew 22 vs 1-2 is not our case of study rather we will be studying Mathew 22 vs 15-21. 15 (KJV) “*Then went the Pharisees and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk ”* some other scripture say’s “*The Pharisees got together and planned how they could trick Jesus into saying something wrong ”* or “*Then the Pharisees went away and planned to trap Jesus into saying the wrong thing”* looking at this scripture’s you will see that they were all pointing at one thing or having the same meaning but different translation and word/sentence structure, Mathew 22 vs 15 was also pointing at the Pharisees. Whom are the pharisees? The Pharisees are those person’s in Jewish region whom studies the law, keep the law and oversee the affair of the law they are also known as law dealer. Verse 15 of Mathew 22 the Pharisees took counsel, some other scripture say’s get together or went away which means while Jesus was teaching in parable about the kingdom 0f heaven the Pharisees where among them listening to Jesus teaching. The Pharisees took counsel, got together or went away because they knew that what Jesus was teaching was right, so they had to make plans for Jesus to say the wrong thing that why the Pharisees had to take counsel, got together 0r even went away. Verse 16 of Mathew 22 “*And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man for thou regardest not the person of men.”* Some other scripture say’s “*They sent some of their followers and some of Herod’s follower’s to say to him teacher we know that you are honest and you teach the truth about what God wants people to do. And you treat everyone with the thim along with Herods follower”* they said to him “Teacher, we know that you tell the truth and that you teach the truth about the way of God, you don’t faviour individual because of who they are” let remember that in verse 15 of Mathew 22 the pharisees took counsel and planed on how to make Jesus say wrong thing from his right teaching. Verse 16 the Pharisees send their disciples with the Heriodians to Jesus and the disciples and Heriodians where dealers of the law. The disciple and Heriodians that where sent by the Pharisees meet Jesus and said (KJV) master, some other scripture Teacher, we know that thou art truth and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man, for thou regarest not the person of men. At this point it means that the disciples and Heriodians (law dealers) sent by the Pharisees knew that Jesus was truth(ly) the son of God and in his teaching ensure that he teaches the ways of his father (God) and also care’s for everybody despite their (gender, class, and profession etc) the disciples and Heriodians sent by the Pharisees (law dealers) saw that Jesus teaching was not reflecting or was not in line with the law had to come trick Jesus into saying the wrong the thing or saying what will fall under the law. Because even the law does not care for any one rather point out mistake and errors of man. Verse 17 (KJV) “Tell us therefore, what thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute Caesar, or not” some other scripture say’s “Tell us what you think, should we pay taxes to the Emperior or not” Or “so tell us what you think, is it right pay taxes to the emperior or not” reading through verse 17 you will find out that the disciple or Heriodians sent by the Pharisees their question to Christ was pointing at the law. 17 (KJV) second sentence or statement, this implies that the teaching of Christ and his love for man was not recongised or was not of interest to the Pharisees because Jesus teaching and love for mankind was not under the law. But they knew that Jesus Christ was truth according to verse 16. Verse 18 (KJV) “But Jesus perceive their wickedness and said why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites” after the disciple and Heriodians sent by the Pharisees asking their question Jesus perceived their wickedness some other scripture say’s Jesus knew their evil thought or Jesus recognized their evil plans. This was because what the Pharisees were saying (their question) was reflecting or in line with Jesus teaching about the kingdom of heaven rather thr Pharisees was interested about the teaching of the law and how taxes and respect should be given to The Emperor (Government) also their plans was to engtangle Jesus into saying the wrong thing verse 18 (second sentence or statement) “why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites” let recall that Jesus perceived their wickedness, knew their evil thought, recognized their evil plan.So at this point Jesus made it open to them that he knew their intention or plan in asking their question. 19 (KJV) “Show me thou tribute money and they brought unto him a penny” 20 (KJV) “And he said unto them whose is this image and superscription” 21 (KJV) “They say unto him , Caeser’s then saith he unto them, render therefore unto Caeser the things that are Caeser and unto God the things that are God”