**THE GOD OF THE LIVING**

Mark 12:13-27

Key verse 27

*“He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken.”*

1. Read verses 13-15a. Who sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus and why (Refer to 12)? What do we learn about Jesus through their flattery (14a)? How was their question a trap?
2. Read verses 15b-17. How did Jesus expose their motive? Using a coin, what did Jesus teach? What did Jesus mean by “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's” (Ro 13:1, 5-7)? What should we give back to God (Dt 6:5; Mic 6:8; Mal 3:8: Jn 15:16) and why (Ge 1:27; Ex 20:1-2; Mk 10:45)?
3. Read verses 18-23. What basic worldview was the Sadducees (18; Ac 23:8)? What strange story did they make up (19-22; Dt 25:5-6)? What does this story show about their inner lives and life style preoccupied with death and marriage? What did they think their story and question proved (23)?
4. Read verses 24-25. According to Jesus, why were the Sadducees in error (24)? What did they need to know about God and learn from the Bible? In what way will we be like the angels in heaven at the resurrection (25; 1Co 15:49, 52)? What hope does this give us?
5. Read verses 26-27. What passage did Jesus quote in correcting the Sadducees’ error (Ex 3:4-6)? What did it mean to Moses that God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? What do we learn about who God is? How does knowing the God of the living impact our worldview and lifestyle?