

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

December 13, 2020

Four Divine Institutions Turning from Evil

Announcements:

Sunday Dec 13 Deacons' Meeting.
Sunday Dec 20 The Lord's Table.

- ** Our annual Christmas Party, that was never scheduled, has been indefinitely postponed for several reasons. We are looking forward to a get together after the first of the year.
- ** Our annual "membership drive" is underway. The reason is that our Annual Business Meeting will take place after the first of the year, probably in February. Date has not been set but we are beginning to prepare for it. Constitutions and Membership Applications are on the back table.
- ** Remember that all classes can be viewed through our website: tbcokc.org/resources
- ** Podcasts are available. Go to: tbcokc.org then the "Resources" tab. It is a great blessing to see people listening to them. The numbers have been increasing. May our Lord continue to spread His Word.

	November	Total 2020	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions 2020
Income	\$ 6,050 .00	\$ 75,325.61		\$ 45,751.02	\$4,725.00
Expenses	6,476.55	78,377.50		Missions Bal	7,750.00
Balance	\$ -426.55	\$ -3,051.89	\$18,071.12	\$7,996.95	\$-3,025.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

The Sacrifice of Praise

The Olivet Discourse

Trying to trip up the Lord

The Divine Institutions:

- 1. The List:**
 - 2. Volition: Merriam-Webster Definition:**
 - 3. The establishment of three categories of volition:**
 - 4. Biblical evidence for volition.**
 - 5. Volition will be tested. Gen 2:15-17**
 - 6. Volition and the Will of God.**
- E. Volition, Human Freedom and Sin.**

14. Recovery from sinful behavior requires:

- a. Admitting the sin(s). 1 John 1:5-10**
- b. Turning from the sin(s). 2 Cor 12:19-21**
- c. Seeking to conquer the Sin Nature. 1 John 2:1-2; Heb 12:4-7**
- d. Studying the Word of God in order to live a life pleasing to Him.
2 Tim 2:15; John 7:17**
- e. Becoming a “doer of the Word.” Jas 1:19-26**
- f. Persevering in life so as to love God. 2 Peter 1:4-9**

F. Authority

- 1. Authority refers to a claim of legitimacy, justification and right to exercise power to achieve a desired end.**
 - a. A right means that authority is not to usurp that area.**
 - b. A privilege is something that an authority gives.**
- 2. Spheres of Authority: A Sphere of Authority is determined by where the responsibility lies. Each Sphere of Authority has a purpose.**
 - a. The Father to the Son, Jesus Christ. Matt 28:18**
Purpose: So all has the opportunity to be saved. 1 Tim 2:1-4
 - b. God to the individual. 2 Cor 5:10**
Purpose: To make the individual accountable.
 - c. God to families. Eph 5:22-6:1**
Purpose: To display love and grace.

- d. God to the church. Eph 4:1**
 - Purpose: To equip the saints. Eph 4:12-16; 2 Cor 10:8**
- e. God to governments. Rom 13:1-7**
 - 1. Military. Purpose: To protect the nation.**
 - 2. Civilian. Purpose: To serve the nation.**
- f. God to Social Institutions:**
 - 1. Business. Col 3:22**
 - Purpose: To produce goods and services for the physical needs of the citizens.**
 - 2. Academics. Heb 5:12**
 - Purpose: To educate people about God's plan.**
 - 3. Athletics. 1 Cor 9:24-27**
 - Purpose: To teach about spiritual competition.**

B. The Olivet Discourse.

Introduction:

1. There are several different things that the Lord taught the week of the cross that preceded the actual discourse on the Mount of Olives.
2. They serve to establish the context for the prophetic discourse.
3. They will include:
 - A. A Marriage Puzzle.
 - B. The Greatest Commandment
 - C. The nature of the Messiah
 - D. Leadership without spiritual sight
 - E. True Leadership
4. These topics will establish not just problems applicable to the first century but to the centuries that will follow.

1. A Marriage Puzzle. Matt 22:23-33; Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-40
Luke 20:27-40

Luke 20:27 = The Sadducees. (Matt 22:23 & Mark 12:18)

Now there came to Him some of the Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection),

Matt 22:23 On that day some Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to Jesus and questioned Him,

Mark 12:18 Some Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection) came to Jesus, and began questioning Him, saying,

Summary:

1. The Sadducees were the liberal theological wing of Judaism.
 - A. Their name was probably derived from Zadok, the high priest under David.
 - B. Their name means "righteous."
2. Their theology:
 - A. They denied the resurrection of the body and the existence of angels and spirits.
 - B. They sought to be ceremonially exact.
 - C. They were behind the Hellenizers.
 - D. They only accepted the Pentateuch.
 - E. They were often in conflict with the prophets.
3. They were politically powerful and held control over the priesthood.

Luke 20:28 = They Quote Moses. (Matt 22:24 & Mark 12:19)

and they questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that IF A MAN'S BROTHER DIES, having a wife, AND HE IS CHILDLESS, HIS BROTHER SHOULD MARRY THE WIFE AND RAISE UP CHILDREN TO HIS BROTHER.

Matt 22:24 asking, "Teacher, Moses said, 'IF A MAN DIES HAVING NO CHILDREN, HIS BROTHER AS NEXT OF KIN SHALL MARRY HIS WIFE, AND RAISE UP CHILDREN FOR HIS BROTHER.'

Mark 12:19 "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that IF A MAN'S BROTHER DIES and leaves behind a wife AND LEAVES NO CHILD, HIS BROTHER SHOULD MARRY THE WIFE AND RAISE UP CHILDREN TO HIS BROTHER.

Summary:

1. They have accurately quoted Deuteronomy 25:5.
2. Satan could also accurately quote Scripture. Matt 4

Luke 20:29 = Seven Brothers. (Mark 12:20)

"Now there were seven brothers; and the first took a wife and died childless;

Mark 12:20 "There were seven brothers; and the first took a wife, and died leaving no children.

Luke 20:30-31 = Continued. (Matt 22:25-26 & Mark 12:21-22a)

and the second 31 and the third married her; and in the same way all seven died, leaving no children.

Matt 22:25 "Now there were seven brothers with us; and the first married and died, and having no children left his wife to his brother;

Matt 22:26 so also the second, and the third, down to the seventh.

Mark 12:21 "The second one married her, and died leaving behind no children; and the third likewise;

Mark 12:22a and so all seven left no children.

Luke 20:32 = Until. (Matt 22:27 & Mark 12:22b)

"Finally the woman died also.

Matt 22:27 "Last of all, the woman died.

Mark 12:22b Last of all the woman died also.

Summary:

1. They set up a hypothetical situation that is almost beyond the realms of probability.
2. This is a typical ploy of those with their own agenda-to set up or exaggerate situations beyond the normal.

Luke 20:33 = The Question. (Matt 22:28 & Mark 12:23)

"In the resurrection therefore, which one's wife will she be? For all seven had married her."

Matt 22:28 "In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had married her."

Mark 12:23 "In the resurrection, when they rise again, which one's wife will she be? For all seven had married her."

Summary:

1. They are attempting to discredit the whole concept of resurrection.
2. They are also attempting to show their great "understanding" of theology.
3. If their presupposition was correct then their question would have at least some validity.
4. They had assumed that everything would be the same in the coming age.

Luke 20:34 = The Answer-Today's Facts. (Matt 22:29 & Mark 12:24)

Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage,

Matt 22:29 But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God.

Mark 12:24 Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God?"

Summary:

1. Jesus also tells them they have wandered away from the faith because they do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God.
2. Deception can occur:
 - A. When we are not paying attention.
 - B. When we do not understand the subject, but think we do.
 - C. When we have incorrect standards of evaluation.
 - D. When we think we know it all.
3. Jesus will combat their attack by revealing some new information.

Luke 20:35 = Future Facts.

but those who are considered worthy (**KATAXIOW = 3x; worthy according to a standard**) to attain (**TUGCHANW = this word emphasizes the arrival rather than the journey**) to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage;

Summary:

1. Jesus is teaching a lot of theology in a few words.
2. Resurrection to the Kingdom requires a worthiness that is based on a righteous standard.
 - A. The worthiness involves suffering. Acts 5:4; 2 Thes 1:5
 - B. Jesus is the only One worthy. John 1:27; Rev 5
 - C. We must be attached to His worthiness to enter the coming age.
3. In heaven, there will be no common marriages to one another among former human beings.

Luke 20:36 = The Point. (Matt 22:30 & Mark 12:25)

for they cannot even die anymore, because they are like angels (**ISAGGELOS = 1x; from word meaning same in quality, not inferior**), and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

Matt 22:30 "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like (**HOS**) angels in heaven.

Mark 12:25 "For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like (**HOS**) angels in heaven.

Summary:

1. Jesus is talking about angels to those who don't believe in them.
2. Truth is not decided by what a person believes but by the Divine Author.
3. Those resurrected will in no way be inferior to angels.
4. In fact, humanity will be higher than angels. Heb 1-2
5. There are no marriages among angelic beings.
6. But there is one marriage in heaven. Rev 19

Luke 20:37 = Quoting Moses Are We? (Matt 22:31-32a & Mark 12:26)

"But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the burning bush, where he calls the Lord **THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB.**

Matt 22:31 "But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God:

Matt 22:32a 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'?

Mark 12:26 "But regarding the fact that the dead rise again, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the burning bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, and the God of Jacob'?"

Summary:

1. **The Sadducees evidently believed that death brought non-existence, since they did not believe in the Resurrection..**
2. **They are part of the line of thinking that today is called "secular humanism."**
3. **So Jesus took them to their only accepted "prophet", namely Moses, and quotes his words to them.**
4. **Do you think maybe the Sadducees were also standing on holy ground, and didn't realize it?**

Luke 20:38 = You Missed This. (Matt 22:32b & Mark 12:27)

"Now He is not the God of the dead but of the living; for all live to Him."

Matt 22:32b He is not the God of the dead but of the living."

Mark 12:27 "He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; you are greatly mistaken."

Summary:

1. **To not believe in the Resurrection is to not believe in God.**
2. **If there is nothing after this life, then God is probably a figment of people's imaginations, or He really doesn't matter anyway.**
3. **If there is no eternal accounting then there is no reason to live for anything other than self. 1 Cor 15:32-34**
4. **If Abraham, Isaac and Jacob no longer exist, then how could God still be God to them in a personal way?**

Luke 20:39 = The Scribes Commendation.

Some of the scribes answered and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well."

Summary:

1. **The scribes were the attorneys, the real defenders of the Law in the time of Jesus.**
2. **They were often called "Rabbi," or "teacher," or "father," or "lord."**
3. **The scribes were usually Pharisees who argued incessantly with the Sadducees over the law and theology.**
4. **This scribe gives Jesus an "attaboy" for answering the Sadducees.**

Luke 20:40 = Some More Mouths Shut. (Matt 22:33)

For they (**the Sadducees**) did not have courage to question Him any longer about anything.

Matt 22:33 When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.

Summary:

1. **The common people often listened to those who seemed to win the arguments.**
2. **Jesus shut another set of mouths-for a time.**