October 22, 2023 <u>"The Things That Are God's!"</u> (Matthew 22:15-22)

Truth is where you ______ it, and not always where you ______ it!

The truth is that ______ is nothing less than the ______ giving of oneself to God!

follows commitment, but commitment comes first!

Jesus carefully avoided being ______ by their malice and, at the same time, ______ them to a new faith-understanding!

God's image was impressed, not on the _____ of the empire, but upon human _____ itself!

Caesar may compel you to be ______ with your money, but God's claim calls for complete _____!

Our problem is that there are too many ______ before which we stand accountable!

Over and surrounding everything is a complete commitment of ourselves to the _____ and _____ of God!

Commitment to God is no guarantee of ______ - material or emotional!

All our commitments are subject to the _____ claim on our lives!

H. Richard Niebhur: "Faith in God involves us in a permanent revolution of the mind and heart!"

If they took Jesus' words to heart and found in them the truth that was surely there, they had to ask of themselves some troubling questions, that maybe we should ask ourselves:

- "Have I given to God my life, a life that bears His image and likeness?"
- "Have I surrendered to Caesar what rightfully belongs to God?"
- "Have I lost the ability to feel the tension between my fidelity to God and all my other obligations?"

Tennyson: "For good ye are and bad, and like to coins, Some true, some light, but every one of you Stamped with the image of the King."

So are we! Stamped with the image of God!

"Give to God the things that are God's!"

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