

## God of the Living

Luke 20:19-47

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### Intro

In this lesson we find Jesus teaching in the temple during the last week before the crucifixion.

The Jewish leaders are upset with Him because He has cleansed the temple of money changing and has the support of the people.

Last week we heard how they challenged His authority and how He turned the question around and demonstrated His authority very well.

This week they continue to question Him in an effort to catch Him in an error. Not only is Jesus found not to have error, but He also gives us great insight into our relationship with God.

There is one phrase that catches our attention...

He is the God of the living. **How then should we live?**

### **I. We Have God's Life Right Now.**

Vs 25

#### A. Give to God the Things Which are God's.

- The denarius had the image of Caesar.
- We have the image of God.

#### B. Do we have a responsibility to God now?

**Illus-** The gift of life is not like a gift of a car, or money, or...

- It's not like an airplane ticket to Hawaii.
- We've been given a position in the family. We've been given son-ship.

**Illus- A had a friend one time that was coercing someone into just *saying the words*. It's more than that.**

#### C. We should consider the cost of being in Christ. He wants our hearts, our devotion, and our lives right now.

### **II. We Have God's Life for Eternity.**

Vs 27

#### A. The Sadducees tried to make the resurrection look ridiculous.

- They used Deut 25:5 to support their point.

Mark 12:24

#### B. The reason they were mistaken was because they did not understand the scriptures or the power of God.

- These same reasons are still true today.
- And why people don't live for God.

C. Life in heaven is not like life on earth.

- It's not a continuation of this life.

**Illus- Some use another silly argument. What if a man dies and is buried in a shallow grave, then grass grows over him..**

\*\*\* See I Cor 15:12 and following.

- There is no need of marriage.

**Illus- Some people say that if there isn't marriage in heaven then they don't want to go there.** Answer: The alternative is not good and nothing says there's marriage there either.

- There is no more death.
- He is the God of the living.

Conclusion
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**Some are *dead* in their trespasses and sin.  
But we are alive in Christ (Gal 2:20). It should make every bit of difference right now.**

**If you're going to live before God in eternity, why not live before Him now??**