

Second Table, as that includes those of the First. **Love thy neighbour**; that is, any one who needs our help, as Jesus teaches in the parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10: 25-37. **As thyself**; the measure of our love to our fellows. Compare the Golden Rule, ch. 7: 12. **Hang all the law and the prophets** (that is, all the teaching of the Old Testament). Any one who truly loves God and his neighbor is obeying that teaching.

**III. A COUNTER QUESTION.—41-43. Pharisees**... gathered together; to plan what they should do next. Jesus asked them; not to puzzle them, but to correct their mistake. **What think ye of Christ?** that is, the Messiah. **Son** (descendant) of David. A true answer (Luke 1: 32; Rom. 1: 3), but not the whole truth. **How then... David?** that is, if the Messiah were his son, and nothing more. **In the Spirit** (Rev. Ver.); that is, guided by the Holy Spirit. **Call him Lord**; in Ps. 110: 1. The Jews rightly believed that this Psalm referred to the Messiah.

**44-46. The Lord**; Jehovah in Hebrew. **Unto my Lord**. David would not have called any king on earth in his day his "Lord" or superior. Therefore he must here be pointing to the heavenly King or Messiah. **Sit... on my right hand**; as joint Ruler with Me, having equal power. **Enemies underneath thy feet** (Rev. Ver.); a common Eastern way of picturing complete triumph. **How is he his son?** Only in His human nature could the Messiah be David's son, while in His divine nature He is the Son of God. **No man was able**, etc. So conclusively had Jesus proved that the Messiah is God's Son. **Durst... ask him**; that is, for the purpose of trapping Him.

#### ORIENTAL SIDELIGHT

In the time of our Lord, coins of copper, silver and gold were used in Palestine. Copper coins were issued by Herod the Great and his successors. Greek coins in circulation were the silver drachma, worth about 16c., and the tetradrachma worth about 66c. The Romans also, when Palestine fell under their rule, brought in their money. The silver denarius, called a "penny" in Matt. 18: 28, was worth about 16c.; the assarion, or as, was a copper coin worth about 1c.; the quadrans, also copper, was  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an as. The two mites which the poor widow cast into the temple treasury (Mark 12: 42), were each worth  $\frac{1}{2}$  a quadrans, that is  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a cent.

#### LESSON QUESTIONS

By whom was Jesus asked a question about paying taxes to the Romans? Who were the Herodians? What was the purpose of the question? Who next tried to puzzle Jesus?

**34-36** Who now came forward to question Jesus? How many precepts did the scribes reckon in the law? What did the lawyer ask Jesus? Where does Jesus charge the scribes with laying heavy burdens upon the people? (Ch. 23: 4.)

**37, 38** What did Jesus answer to the lawyer's question? What use do Jews still make of this passage? In what way should we love God? Explain "first and great commandment". Give the highest reason for our loving God. (1 John 4: 11.)

**39, 40** What is the "second" commandment? Where does Jesus teach who our neighbor is?

**41-43** What counter question did Jesus ask? What was His purpose?

**44-46** Show that Ps. 110: 1 must refer to the Messiah. Whose Son, besides David's, is the Messiah?

#### FOR DISCUSSION

1. The payment of taxes, a duty of citizenship.
2. Jesus both human and divine.

#### A LESSON FOR LIFE

The sun is far bigger than the miner's lamp, but the light is the same in the sun and in the lamp. So our love to God should be far greater than to any earthly person or object, for He is infinitely more worthy of our love. But love to God and love to our neighbor are, after all, the same, and we cannot truly love God unless we also love our neighbor. And the more intensely we love God, the more eagerly will our love to those about us spur us on to do them all the good we can in all the ways we can.

**Prove from Scripture**—*That Jesus is a living Saviour.*

**Shorter Catechism**—Review Questions 69-72.

**The Question on Missions**—12. Are Indians becoming good Christian citizens? The work of Christianizing the Indian has been slow, yet much has been done. Paganism is dying out. Many of the Indians have cast aside their blankets, and adopted the dress of the white man. Neat, comfortable homes and fields of grain show progress.

#### FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Give Jesus' answer to the question about taxes.....
2. What two commandments did He call the greatest?.....
3. How did He show that the Messiah is the Son of God?.....