

## Exposed - sermon study from Matthew 22:15-46

### **problem:**

-take a sampling of the various reviews of this book on [http://www.amazon.com/Heaven-Real-Little-Astounding-Story/product-reviews/0849946158/ref=dpx\\_acr\\_txt?showViewpoints=1](http://www.amazon.com/Heaven-Real-Little-Astounding-Story/product-reviews/0849946158/ref=dpx_acr_txt?showViewpoints=1)

-Read: 2 Cor 12:1-10.

-Why wouldn't Paul share his own personal experience in going to Heaven?

-Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 for the answer.

-Read: 2 Corinthians 11:1-6, 12-15.

-Based on this passage and the reviews above why is our perception and the intent and even encouragement of a teacher not the issue?

-Our problem is that we are an undiscerning generation, we do not know how nor do we even try to spot fakes and frauds

-Matthew is concerned in 22:15-46 to show not only that Christ is validated by the Scriptures but that those who challenged Him were invalidated by them.

-Here is the Main Idea of the sermon:

The Word of God is the standard by which truth is declared and error exposed - it alone is our authority for faith and practice.

### **Text:**

Entangled by Scripture (Matthew 22:15-22)

-Read: Job 12:23; Daniel 2:20-23; Proverbs 21:1 and Romans 13:1-7.

-Based on these verses why would Jesus call the Pharisees hypocrites?

-When saying render the things unto God that are God's...

-Read Genesis 1:26-27; James 3:8-9 and Psalm 51.

-How does Romans 12:1-2 illustrate "rendering to God the things that are His?"

Ridiculed by Scripture (Matthew 22:23-33)

-In verse 24 the Sadducees refer to the Scriptures as Moses' words. How does Jesus escalate commitment to the Word in verse 31, whose words are they?

-in verse 29 and 31 Jesus shows that their real problem is that they do not believe the Scriptures (Luke 19:19-31 colors this in). Jesus uses the present tense of the state of being verb "I Am" in Exodus 3:6 to prove based on the verbal inspiration of the Scripture that there is indeed a resurrection.

-Read: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:15.

-what was Jesus doing with the Word?

-Read: Matthew 4:1-11 for another example of Jesus using the sword of the Spirit in spiritual warfare.

-If Jesus used the Word of God as His authority how much more ought we to do the same?

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### Tested by Scripture (Matthew 22:34-40)

- Based on these verses, why did the Pharisees ask Jesus about which commandment was greatest?
- Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy 6:4-9.
  - what were the Pharisees likely wearing on their foreheads as they asked him this question?
  - In deuteronomy 6:16 what is the best way to break the command in 6:5?
    - Read:exodus 17:1-7.
      - how did they put God to the test? What exactly were they doubting?
    - Read Matthew 4:7. Jesus refers to this event when Satan was putting God's provision to the test.
      - what were the Pharisees doing that very moment?
- Jesus quoted the second half of Leviticus 19:17-18.
  - what was the first half?
    - what were they doing to Christ that very moment?
- Read: Hebrews 4:12-13.
  - what was the Scripture doing to them?

### Silenced by Scripture (Matthew 22:41-46)

- Jesus asks them who they think the Christ will be. Read Isaiah 9:7; 11:1, 10; Psalm 2; 89; 132; Jeremiah 23:5.
  - Who has matthew shown Jesus to be?
    - To find out, read: Matthew 1:1,20; 9:27; 15:22; 20:30; 21:9, 15; 12:23
- Jesus challenges them with the implications of Psalm 110. Read it and notice His use of it in Matthew 26:63-65. It seems that the Pharisees knew what He was asking but refused to even acknowledge Him even still. They were truly exposed by the Scripture.

### Here are the implications for us today:

The Word is, and always has been the standard - Jeremiah 23:9-22  
it has been made more sure for us - 2 Peter 1:16-21; Luke 24:25-27  
it has been completed - Jude 3  
it is all we need to know - 2 Timothy 3:14-16  
it is the standard of God's approval - 2 Timothy 2:15-16  
it is authoritative - Titus 2:15

### Here is how we need to apply this:

Use it as our authority - Acts 17:2-3, 11  
Use it as our measuring rod - Acts 20:17-32

again the main idea:

**The Word of God is the standard by which truth is declared and error exposed - it alone is our authority for faith and practice.**

read the following article and discuss:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/sufficiency-of-Scripture.html>

<http://carm.org/are-scriptures-sufficient>

<http://www.modernreformation.org/default.php?page=articledisplay&var2=1191>