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Good morning everyone

Let us begin with a few moments of silence to still our minds.....

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. AMEN

## **2 Peter 3:11-15a, 17-end**

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him, You therefore, beloved, since you are forewarned, beware that you are not carried away with the error of the lawless and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

## **Mark 12:13-17**

### **The Question about Paying Taxes**

Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?' But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, 'Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.' And they brought one. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Jesus said to them, 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' And they were utterly amazed at him.

In this passage the enemies of Jesus wanted to know their duty but really they hoped that which ever side he took they might find fault and be able to accuse him. Nothing was more likely to catch out the followers of Jesus, than causing them to interfere with

disputes about politics. However Jesus avoided the snare, and all who heard him were in awe of the wisdom of his answer. Pay Ceasar what is due to Ceasar and pay to God what is God's. Always put God first and live in His ways - but pay the tax which is due to the goveror Ceasar.

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

May Christ the light of the world come to us and fill our lives with His glory. May he give us the power to do His will and serve him, whose service is perfect freedom. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us and our loved ones always. AMEN

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
In the name of Christ  
AMEN

Blessings  
Vicky