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Whose son is the Messiah?

- **Three truths**
 - Older would never call younger 'lord'
 - Messiah would be descendant of David
 - Psalm 110 speaks of the Messiah
- David: The Lord (Yahweh) said to my lord (Adonai – used of any superior, in this case the Messiah)...

Give back to whom it belongs

Denarius has Caesar's image on it -

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We have God's image 'on us' - Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, ...



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Christians and government

- **General principle:** obey/honor the government as long as that obedience/honor doesn't require disobeying/dishonoring God (**See also** – Rom 13.1-7, 1 Tim 2.1- and 1Pet 2.13-17)
- In our form of government beware:
 - Allowing ends to justify means
 - Believing we can legislate the Kingdom of God into existence



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Live in light of eternity

Acknowledge the shortness of our lives -

What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes (James 4.14.)

Ask for perspective - Show me, Lord, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is (Ps 39.4.)

Choose to live in light of eternity –

- **In suffering –**
- **In success -**



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Choose to live in light of eternity:

- **In suffering** – For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal (2Cor 4.17-18.)
- **In success** - But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ... But our citizenship is in heaven (Phil 3.7 and 20.)

