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Option 1: Yes	Option 1: Yes			
→ Pharisees would accuse Jesus of to Israel	→ Pharisees would accuse Jesus of to Israel			
and (Religious implications)	and (Religious implications)			
Option 2: No	Option 2: No			
→ Herodians would charge Jesus with against	ightarrow Herodians would charge Jesus with against			
Rome. (Political implications)	Rome. (Political implications)			
Jesus' Response: Yes & Yes	Jesus' Response: Yes & Yes			
→ Give to Caesar: The Jews had legitimate obligations to the	→ Give to Caesar: The Jews had legitimate obligations to the			
government.	government.			
→ Give to God: Only God should receive divine honor and	→ Give to God: Only God should receive divine honor and			
They owe God	They owe God			
★ Take Home Truths	★ Take Home Truths			
• Honor your secular citizen obligations as as	• Honor your secular citizen obligations as as			
you can.	you can.			
② As God's chosen in Christ, we owe Him	② As God's chosen in Christ, we owe Him			

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