

# Sons & Daughters

April 23rd, 2023

## Matthew 17:24-27(ESV) - Story of the Temple Tax

**vs.24** "...The collectors of the two-drachma tax went up to Peter and said, 'Does your teacher not pay the tax?'"

This tax was believed to be the Temple Tax, that every Jewish male of age would pay to support the sacrifice of atonement.

*"Atonement": reparations or payment for a wrong or injury*

**vs.25** "...From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?"

*"Others": foreigners, not belonging too, strangers*

**vs.26** "...Then the sons are free."

**Jesus makes a declaration that WE as the sons and daughters are free!**

**Romans 8:1** "So now there is no condemnation for those who **belong** to Christ Jesus."

**vs.14** "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children\* of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children\*"

**Matthew 17:27** "...go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open it's mouth you will find a shekel."

One hook, One fish, One coin... Jesus has no problem coming up with payment for our atonement!

*How have we continued to try and pay for our own atonement?*

*Are we acting like sons & daughters of our Heavenly Father or just strangers to a king?*

**READ TOGETHER IN 2023** **It's not too late to start!** Go to our website to learn more and join this year's reading plan.

**NEXT STEPS** **Learn more about NTC & how to get connected**  
Join this 4-week conversation after the offering time in the large room just outside the sanctuary.

**GET CONNECTED** **On a Team, In a Group, and Living Outward**  
Get connected by joining a serving team, finding a small group, or discovering an opportunity to live outward. Stop by the Connect Area in the lobby to talk to a Small Group Leader or one of our staff members.

*this week...*

**CROSS CURRENT** **Tonight at 6pm** 7th-12th graders gather on Sunday nights here at the church!

**BETTERMAN GROUP** **Tuesday at 7pm** Join this 11-week video course. Sign up on the ChurchCenter App or at the Connect Area today.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER** **Wednesday at 7:00pm** We gather together every Wednesday here at NTC to pray for one hour.

**M.O.P.S. & MOMSNEXT** **Thursday at 10am & 6pm** We Moms gather together every other Thursday to support and encourage one another.

**PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY** **Friday at 9:30am** Pray for our nation together every Friday morning here at the church.

**PROPHETIC MINISTRY** **Friday and Saturday at 6:30pm** Pastors Danny & Jamie Schulz will be ministering prophetically over our Momentum students and a few other.

*coming up....*

**KINDRED WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** **May 5th-6th** We are excited to announce our second annual women's conference coming up in May. Sign up on the ChurchCenter App or visit our website to learn more.

**IRON SHARPENS IRON** **May 19th-20th** Join men from Living Hope Church for this event in Schenectady. Contact Bill Laymon (518-524-6957) or Tom Saxby (315-250-1640) for more information and how to register.

**NYC MISSIONS TRIP** **July 27th-30th** We are headed back to NYSUM (New York School of Urban Ministry) to serve the homeless and to share the gospel on the streets of NYC. Learn more on our website.

**This Week's Prayer Points:**

**\*Recruiting for Momentum Class of 2024**

**\*Upcoming Women's Conference on May 5th & 6th**

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