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#### SET APART

"But you are <u>a chosen race</u>, <u>a royal priesthood, a holy</u> <u>nation, a people for his own</u> <u>possession</u>, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." v.9 "Once you were not a people, but now you are <u>God's people</u>..." v. 10

"... I urge you as <u>sojourners</u> and exiles..." v. I I

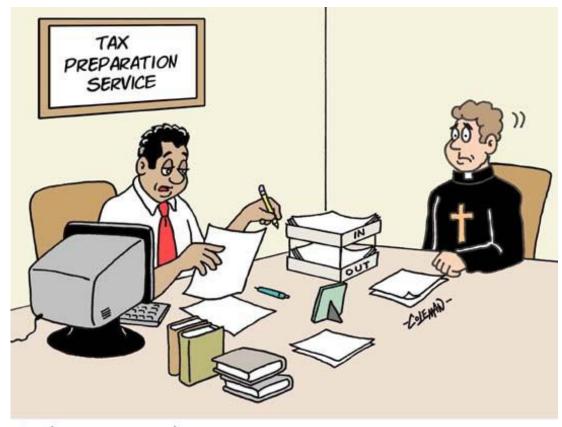
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### MATTHEW 22:15-22

"...Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's...."



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### BILLY GRAHAM: "IN THE WORLD, BUT NOT OF IT"

"The world system is inadequate to meet the deeper needs of the human heart.... God has seen fit to entrust the work of His kingdom to us. If the world system is changed, it will be through our witness."

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