

"If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend;
whosoever maketh himself a king, speaketh against Caesar.

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth."—John 19:12, 13.



WHOM WILL YE SERVE?

"Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."—John 15:14.

CAESAR'S friends? or friends of Jesus?

Solemn question for to-day!

Friends of Caesar! Friends of Jesus!

Take your sides without delay.

If ye pause for man's forbidding,

Caesar's friendship ye secure;

If ye do the Father's bidding,

Scorn, reproach, ye shall endure.

Friends of Caesar! Friends of Jesus!

Stand revealed! your choice declare!

Who in truth two masters pleases?

Who may rival banners bear?

Jesus' friends account Him precious,

Lose for Him all other gain:

Dearer far the smile of Jesus

Than the praise of worldly men.

Free from Caesar, friends of Jesus!

Stand in phalanx! never fear!

Love, severely tried, increases;

Courage yet! the Lord is near!

Onward still, His name confessing,

Weaving crowns to grace His brow;

Lo! His hands are full of blessing,

Lifted for your succour now.

Caesar's friends were we, but Jesus

Owens us for His friends to-day!

What! shall rival friendship please us,

While the Bridegroom is away?

No! through grace would we surrender

Caesar's things to Caesar's care,

Whilst to God, our God, we render

Filial homage, praise, and prayer.—Sel.

—ZION'S WATCH TOWER AND HERALD OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE—
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