

# ***“The God of the Living”***

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Matthew 22:23-33

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## **INTRODUCTION**

*responses to God’s supernatural power...*

- the trusting

- the skeptical

“Even if a miracle should be wrought in the open marketplace before a thousand sober witnesses, I would rather mistrust my senses than admit a miracle.” – *French atheist Voltaire*

- the pseudo-spiritual

“The steps of faith fall on the seeming void and find the rock beneath.” – *Jon Greenleaf Whittier*

## **CONTEXT**

- the Sadducees

## **CHALLENGE**

- levirate marriage

Gen. 38; Ruth

- common expectation for an afterlife

## **CORRECTION**

- they could not understand spiritual truth

1 Cor. 2:14; 2 Cor. 4:4; Rom. 8:6-8; Mt. 13:15-16

*a. ignorant of God’s power (22:30)*

Isa. 26:19; Dan. 12:2

1 Cor. 15:42-44

*b. ignorant of Scripture (22:31-32)*

Ex. 3:6

## **APPLICATION**

1. My relationship with God is \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

Ps. 34:15

2. God’s relationship with me is \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

Phil. 1:6