

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Righteous Or Religious"
Luke 10:25-37
Study-44

We know what the parable says but what does the parable mean?

1 John 4:19 We love, because He first loved us.

This encounter with the lawyer is also recorded in Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34, Only Luke records the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Luke 9:51-19:27 The Rejection Of The Son Of Man:

Thought Of Our Passage: "Eternal Life Is Not Earned But Is Revealed Through Loving God And Loving Your Neighbor As Yourself"

1. Verses 25-29 The Setting

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1. Verses 25-29 The Setting

Luke 10:25 And (Context) Luke 10:17-24 Jesus has debriefed with the 70 disciples who returned from a short-term mission trip.

And a lawyer stood up (Jesus was teaching) and put Him to the test, (a lawyer)

(Doctor of the Mosaic Law, Theologian, skilled in interpretation, Teacher of the Law) Wise, intelligent but fail to know the truth!

stood up and put Him to the test, "tempt, solicit to bring out the worst"
The motive of this lawyer was evil. He wanted to entrap Jesus if possible.
John 6:68

saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Literally, "By doing what, shall I inherit eternal life?" Note the emphasis on "**doing**"
The form of his question shows a wrong idea as to how to receive salvation! He had no understanding of divine grace. **John 6:28-29**

Note **inherit** – "to receive an inheritance you have to be an heir, no amount of doing will make you into an heir" **Romans 6:23 the free gift of God**

eternal life?" is endless life, emphasizing more quality than even the quantity, as in John's Gospel (**John 16:9; 18:18, 30**)

Luke 10:26 literally "You are the lawyer who interprets the law; you tell me what it says." (Jesus puts it back on the expert!)

"What is written in the Law? Jesus takes the man right back to the Word.

How does it read to you?" How do you recite? **Deuteronomy 6:4-5** called the **Shema** which is "to hear" It was quoted everyday (Recited **two times** a day) **Deuteronomy 6:4-5**

Luke 10:27

Love Is Fulfilling The Law - Romans 13:10 love is the fulfillment of the law.

James 2:8 If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture,

Love God First – (Totality of your being) "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Love Neighbor Second - AND (love) YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." Leviticus 19:18 Called for love for one's neighbor.

(Commandments 1-4) That being right with God will always lead to being right with man. **(Commandments 5-10)**

(This very parable which teaches that truly loving God will result in loving our neighbor, (Impossibility Without God) is used to teach that being a good neighbor apart from loving God)

Luke 10:28 "You have answered correctly; You know the passage!

DO THIS, AND YOU WILL LIVE." "If you want a way of salvation by doing, this is it" (You won't be able to do it) **Romans 10:5; Romans 3:19-24; Galatians 3:10-13**

Jesus is not saying that by loving God and neighbor you earn eternal life! Impossible without a new birth! Galatians 3:24

Luke 10:29 But wishing "desiring" to justify himself, "wanting to vindicate himself, to acquit himself"

"And who is my neighbor?" The Pharisee is a **neighbor** just like ourselves.

1 John 3:14-19

"The great truth that is taught here is that you cannot separate your relationship with God from your relationship with your fellow man"

"And who is my neighbor?" The real question is *"How can one fulfill the commandment if he isn't sure who his neighbor is?"* **"To whom can I be a neighbor?"**

2. Verse 30-35 The Parable

Luke 10:30 Jesus replied and said, Parable was always in conjunction with teaching, never isolated stories. (Cast along side of)

"A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho; *Jerusalem to Jericho 17-mile steep road, 3,600 feet to Jericho that was 770 below sea level. Jericho lowest city in the world. Called by some "The bloody way"*

and fell *"violent force was used to assault him"* **among robbers,**

and they stripped him This is what robbers come for, is goods.

and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. *Robbed, stripped, and left beaten and almost dead.*

Verses - 31 The Priest: Luke 10:31 "And by chance a priest given the responsibility of offering the sacrifices for the people. Represented God to the people.

Jericho was a priestly city (12,000 Priests)

he passed by on the other side. saw the needy man, he crossed over.

He could become ceremonially unclean if he was dead and touched him. (Numbers 5:2; 19:2-13)

Verses - 32 The Levite: Luke 10:32 "Likewise a Levite also, servants and helpers in the service of the temple. (Liturgy, reciting the Law)

and saw him, wording in Greek, *"He got up close and looked at him"*
passed by on the other side. James 4:17

Verses - 33-35 The Samaritan: Luke 10:33 "But a Samaritan, Samaritan represents the child, outcast who received God's revelation. (True disciple) John 4:9

who was on a journey, came upon him; He was the bad guy not a hero!

There are 4 things that make the Samaritan a true neighbor:

1. Compassion - and when he saw him, he felt compassion – *"deeply moved and stirred, it is a love that stirs us to serve others and not think of self"*

The walls of prejudice can be broken down, it is not by legislation, laws or even marches or demonstrations but by Jesus Christ

Luke 10:34

2. Contact - and came to him, He made contact with him.

3. Cared - and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; He came and began to minister and met the hurts of the man. First Aid

and he put him on his own beast, gets off and puts the hurt man on his own donkey.

and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. (Delayed his trip)

Luke 10:35

4. Cost - two denarii This is equivalent to two weeks lodging.

3. Verses 36-37 The Application

Luke 10:36 "Which of these three Priest, Levite and the Samaritan.

Luke 10:37 "The one who showed mercy toward him." Note: The Lawyer would not even say the word, "Samaritan"

"Go and do the same." This is an impossible request apart from the new birth.

Matthew 5:43-48

Application:

- 1.** Being A Good Samaritan Is An Impossibility Apart From Knowing (New Birth) And Loving God:
- 2.** The Great Danger Of Religion Is That It Separates One's Relationship With God From Our Relationship With Our Fellow Man:
- 3.** God Gave Us Things To Use And People To Love. If We Start Loving Things, We Will Start Using People: