



The Lesson Text

Luke 10: 25-37

25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and made trial of him, saying, Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26 And he said unto him, What is written in the law? how readeest thou?

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said unto Jē'-sūs, And who is my neighbor?

30 Jē'-sūs made answer and said, A certain man was going down from Jē-ru'-sā-lēm to Jēr'-i-chō; and he fell among robbers, who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance a certain priest was going down that way: and when

he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And in like manner a Lē'-vīte also, when he came to the place, and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Sā-mār'-ī-tān, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion,

34 And he came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on *them* oil and wine; and he set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow he took out two shillings, and gave them to the host, and said, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, I, when I come back again, will repay thee.

36 Which of these three, thinkest thou, proved neighbor unto him that fell among the robbers?

37 And he said, He that showed mercy on him. And Jē'-sūs said unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Summary Thoughts on Christians As Neighbors

The story of the good Samaritan has a lot of human appeal about it. Humanity makes very little change through the centuries, so the things true of humanity in general then are still true. Humanity then had the superior race problem just like we have today. The Jews hated the Samaritans, and had no dealings with them. (John 4: 9b.) This all began back in the days just after Solomon's death when the people asked Rehoboam to lower the taxes. When he refused to do so, ten tribes pulled off and established the northern kingdom, known as the kingdom of Israel. (1 Kings 12.) The northern kingdom was carried into captivity and in their place Assyrians were settled. These Assyrians married Jews who were left there, and so a mixed race was the result. When the kingdom of Judah had served seventy years in Babylon, they returned to rebuild Jerusalem. These mixed people of Samaria wished to have part with them in rebuilding the city but were not allowed to do so. (Neh. 4.) This enmity continued until the days of our Lord. The Jews thought of themselves as the chosen of God, as being acceptable to God on account of their relation to Abraham, and they considered all other people as lost.

Another thing we see in this lesson which is common is the fact that sometimes we can find better characters among the despised groups than some in the superior group. The Jews claimed to be the people of God, and to them Samaritans were no better than dogs. Yet this Samaritan man, a nobody, was more human, did more good, than the most religious men among the Jews. Often today we find the most liberal and charitable people of a community are not members of the church. The Jews taught the law and traditions and kept up the forms of worship, but they forgot to practice what they preached. Such is often the case with the church in a community. If you wish to know what is the



doctrine of the gospel, just ask the people of the church; but if you wish to see the practice of the gospel, especially in the matter of charity, sadly sometimes you may have to look outside the church to find it.

In order to evade being embarrassed, the lawyer tried to justify himself. It is difficult to break down and confess our sins, to let our weaknesses be known. It is human to cover such things to keep our associates from knowing them. This lawyer was a perfect specimen of humanity in this respect. He came to make trial of the Lord; he went away trying to cover up his own weakness.

Adapted by Steve Frazier

Daily Bible Readings

M.....	What the Law Required as Neighbors (Lev. 19: 11-18)
T.....	Love of Neighbor and Eternal Life (Matt. 19: 16-22)
W.....	The Early Church and Love of Neighbors (Acts 4: 32-37)
T.....	Love of Neighbor Fulfills the Law (Rom. 13: 8-10)
F.....	Love Fulfills the Royal Law (James 2: 1-13)
S.....	Love of Brethren Required (1 John 2: 7-17)
S.....	A Man Who Neglected His Neighbor (Luke 16: 19-31)

Additional thoughts from the financial perspective for consideration from the text of Luke 10:25-28.

1. The robbers: “What is thine is mine also and I’ll get it if I have to injure you.”
2. The priest and the Levite: “What is mine is mine and I’ll keep it regardless of your needs.”
3. The Samaritan: “What is mine is thine also and I’ll share it with you to the extent of your needs.”

The Question: “Which is Our Perspective”?

Final Thoughts on The Golden Text.—*“Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” (Matt. 22:39b)*

1. **The love of self.**—The measure of our love for our neighbor is the love we have for self. Love for self is manifested in feeding, clothing, sheltering one’s self, and in every way looking out for one’s best interests. So if we love our



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neighbor as we love ourselves, we will do just that for our neighbors.

- 2. Love identifies itself with its object.**—People who love God with all their hearts try to become like God in their lives. If we love the world we become degraded in thought and life, and like the world we love. The Samaritan loved the man he found as himself.
- 3. Such love is imperative.**—This is one of the demands of the Lord which begins with “Thou shalt.” It is not left to our discretion. It is not something we may do if we think it is reasonable. Neither is it something we may do if we think the neighbor is worthy of our love. Next, it is to be remembered that this is the second most important command God has given. The first is that we love God with all our hearts. Hence only one commandment precedes this one in importance. And, next, all the law may be summed up in these two commandments. If we love God, we will do all he wishes us to do for Him; if we love our neighbor, we will do all that is right toward him.

Would that all men would see the beauty of God’s love for us.. The solution to all the church, race, and family, and societal problems. Let’s love! **SF**

Order of Worship May 2, 2021

Song Leader—AM	Michael Young
Song Leader—PM	Derek Steen
Lord's Table	Phillip Steen
Sermon—AM	Devin Barber
Sermon—PM	Devin Barber

Continue prayers for those on our list and for the free course of the gospel.

1 John 5:14

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