

## The Good Samaritan

### What Is the Point?

- Love God More
- Love Neighbor As Self
- See Our Helplessness
- Trust In Jesus Alone



Text: Luke 10:25-37 NAS 2020

**Introduction:** Dear friends: What is the point of the story of The Good Samaritan? See the options above...

1. **A Lawyer Wanted to Trap Jesus:** <sup>25</sup> ...a lawyer stood up and **put [Jesus] to the test** [Why? To trap Him or catch Him in a mistake!], saying, “**Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?**” // The lawyer believed that **some action** on **his part** was **required!**

<sup>26</sup> And [Jesus] said to him, “**What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?**” <sup>27</sup> And he answered, “**YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND [DEUT. 6:5]; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF [LEV. 19:18].**” <sup>28</sup> And [Jesus] said to him, “**You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.**”

- a. Do This and You Will Live: What does that mean?  
**“do”** is a *present imperative verb*. It means **“keep doing’ without a single break”** (Lenski, 601).
- b. How Does that Apply to Eternal Life? We must keep loving God with **all we are** and **all we have** and keep loving our neighbor **as we love ourselves!**
- c. What Are Three HUGE Problems?
  - i. **James 2:10** “...whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.”
  - ii. **Galatians 3:10** “...Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them.”
  - iii. **Romans 3:12** “...There is none who does good, There is not even one.”

2. **Jesus Wanted to Save the Lawyer:** The lawyer,<sup>29</sup> “wanting to justify himself, he said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’” // **Lenski** helps us understand how Jews at that time looked at others: **“In general, no Gentile and certainly no Samaritan would be termed ‘a neighbor’” (603).** Therefore, the lawyer asked: “...who is my neighbor?”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied and said, **“A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho [a potentially dangerous trip of about 17 miles], and he encountered robbers, and they **stripped him and beat him**, and went away **leaving him half dead.**”**

<sup>31</sup> **And by coincidence a priest [of the tribe of Levi, a descendant of Aaron, who served in the temple] was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other**

**side.** // He stayed as far away as possible – *for good reasons*: If he stopped and helped, *maybe he would be robbed, stripped, and beaten*. Nobody saw what he did – **EXCEPT GOD!**

<sup>32</sup> Likewise a **Levite** [*also of the tribe of Levi, but not descended from Aaron, who assisted the priests*] **also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.** // The Levite acted like the priest – **AND GOD SAW HIM!**

<sup>33</sup> But a **Samaritan** [*a person generally despised by the Jews – due to ethnic and religious impurity, a different place of worship, and historical conflicts*] **who was on a journey came upon him** [*the man who had been robbed, stripped, and beaten*]; **and when he saw him,**

- **he felt compassion,** <sup>34</sup> **and came to him**
- **and bandaged up his wounds,** pouring oil and wine on them;
- **and he put him on his own animal** [*possibly forcing him to walk*],
- **and brought him to an inn**
- **and took care of him.**
- <sup>35</sup> **On the next day he took out two denarii** [*equivalent to two days wages*] **and gave them to the innkeeper** and said, **'Take care of him;**
- **and whatever more you spend,** when I return, **I will repay you.'**

[Then Jesus asked the lawyer:] <sup>36</sup> **Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?** <sup>37</sup> And [the lawyer] said, **"The one**

who showed compassion to him.” Then Jesus said to him,  
“**Go and do the same.**”

- a. Go and Do the Same: Why did Jesus give the lawyer that command? To help **him** and **everyone** understand that it is **IMPOSSIBLE** for **ANYONE** to  
▶ fully and always love God and ▶ always love his neighbor as himself!
- b. What Should We Take Away From the Parable?
  - i. **ONLY Jesus** **fully** and **always** loved God with His entire being!
  - ii. **ONLY Jesus** **fully** and **always** loved others as He loved Himself!
- c. What Should Be Important for You and Me?
  - i. **NEVER** trust in anything we do for heaven!
  - ii. **ALWAYS** trust in Jesus alone for heaven!
  - iii. **DO OUR BEST** to love God and our neighbor!  
Why?
    - 1. To glorify God!
    - 2. To point others to Jesus, *who is the ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!*

**Let Us Pray:** Dear Jesus, thank You for ▶Your great teaching and ▶Your painful work to save us from our sins! Help us and many others to always ▶see our helplessness to save ourselves and ▶trust in You alone for eternal life!

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