THE PARABLE OF
THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Luke 10:25-37
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25 And behold, a certain lawyer ("expert of the law") stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 He said to him, “What is written in the law? Your reading of it? ("How do you read it")”

27 So he answered and said, “’You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’”

28 And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”
But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.
33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion ("mercy"). 34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ 36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”
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37 And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.”
Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”
A. THE DEMAND OF THE LAW

• The Test: What shall I do to inherit eternal life?

• The Demand: “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.”

• Jesus’ Response: “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”
A. THE DEMAND OF THE LAW

- **DILEMMA** – There is life (eternal life) in the law **PROVIDED** we are able to fulfill all the demands of the law **BUT** we can’t and death follows.

- Only JESUS is able and has fully obeyed the law of God and as such, HE is able to defeat death and impart life to all who believe in HIM.

- Galatians 2:16 \(^{16}\) **knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for **by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified**.
The lawyer diverted ("tai chi") his query to the definition of "neighbour":

"Who is my neighbour?"
– Isn’t the lawyer an expert in the Mosaic law? He is seeking for a loophole to escape.

Was he looking for a narrow interpretation of the word "neighbour" such as to mean only our good friends, people we love and who loves us, people whom we can get along well with or of same interest and hobbies or those who treats us well and NOT SOME STRANGER DYING BY THE ROADSIDE and MORE SO, NOT AN ENEMY?
B. **THE EFFECT OF THE LAW**

- **UNDER LAW** – we have the tendency of lowering the high standard of God’s law so that we can fit in and seemingly meet its demands.

- **UNDER GRACE** – we exalt, honour and declare the Law of God as it is in all its high standard and strict demands. We acknowledged, admit and confess that we can never fulfil the demands of the law and as such, we need **JESUS AS OUR SAVIOUR** and accept His Finished Work on the cross for the forgiveness of all our sin.
B. THE EFFECT OF THE LAW

• Romans 3:20  

20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
C. JESUS’ ANSWER IN A PARABLE

1. The Priest & the Levite
   – A picture of the effects of the Law on man

• Man under the law for justification:
• The Response: LOOK SEE AND PASS BY
• The Heart: NO COMPASSION/MERCY
C. JESUS’ ANSWER IN A PARABLE

2. The Good Samaritan
   – A picture of Christ (HE GAVE US ALL)

   (i) Personal Attention and Care (Himself)
   • (1) bandaged his wounds, (2) pouring on oil and wine; and (3) he set him on his own animal, (4) brought him to an inn, and (5) took care of him. – GRACE

   (ii) Personal Sacrifices – Time & Money (His Possessions)
   • On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’
C. JESUS’ ANSWER IN A PARABLE

• Galatians 3:24  Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

• JESUS’ CONCLUSION:

  36 So which of these three do you think was neighbour to him who fell among the thieves?”

  37 And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”
C. JESUS’ ANSWER IN A PARABLE

• NEIGHBOUR – “play-see’-on” in Greek which means NEAR or CLOSE BY.

• Jesus’ answer to the lawyer was that the lawyer is to be the neighbour **AND NOT** that the definition of “neighbour” is to mean someone else.

• TO BE HONEST, CAN WE REALLY DO “LIKewise”?

• We cannot do “likewise” **UNLESS** we have first received “likewise” from HIM.
C. JESUS’ ANSWER IN A PARABLE

BE THE RECEIPIENT OF:

(i) HIS GRACE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

- Romans 5:17 17 *For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will *reign in life *through the One, Jesus Christ.*

- 2 Corinthians 5:21 21 *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*
C. **JESUS’ ANSWER IN A PARABLE**

(ii) **HIS LOVE**
- 1 John 4:19  
  \[\text{19 We love because He first loved us}\]

(iii) **HIS LIFE**
- John 10:10  
  \[\text{10 ... I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.}\]

(iv) **HIS PEACE (SHALOM)**
- John 14:27  
  \[\text{27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.}\]
C. JESUS’ ANSWER IN A PARABLE

(v) HIS HEALING/HEALTH

- Isaiah 53:5
  But He was wounded for our transgressions,
  He was bruised for our iniquities;
  The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
  And by His stripes **we are healed.**

(vi) HIS RICHES

- 2 Corinthians 8:9  
  For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, **that you through His poverty might become rich.**
C. JESUS’ ANSWER IN A PARABLE

• HOW DO WE RECEIVE FROM GOD?

“R.E.S.T” as in the case of the robbed and wounded man:

• **R - REST** in HIM to attend to us and our needs or problems. Do not panic or freaked out.

• **E - EXALT** (Give Thanks) HIM in all circumstances in life.

• **S - SURRENDER** to the Power of Christ to work in us and through us.

• **T – TRUST** in the Person of Christ and His Finished Work on the Cross.
C. JESUS’ ANSWER IN A PARABLE

THE LAW DEMANDS
BUT GRACE IMPARTS

Love, Life, Peace, Health & Riches