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THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD



SET THE SCENE

THE LAW CONSISTS OF: 613 COMMANDS







WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?







STUDY THE TEXT

Textual Commentary:

- 1. Notice that the questioner is a scribe (lawyer) but "put to the test" is not a negative phrase here. This is a genuine question from the lawyer.
- 2. The lawyer rightly combines Deut. 6:5 (Love the Lord your God) and Leviticus 19:18 (Love your neighbor as yourself).
- 3. Jesus confirms that this summary is correct and that loving God and neighbor are outward signs of inner faith.
- 4. WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO GET SAVED?

Luke 10:25-28

"25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" 27 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, and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."







Textual Commentary:

- 5. Lawyers gotta lawyer.
- 6. Loving God is straightforward. But, "Who is my neighbor?" especially in a global age.
- 7. The Priest: Avoiding the danger of hidden robbers on the other side of road.
- 8. The Levite: A temple "helper" who cannot become unclean by a *possibly* dead body.
- 9. The Samaritan: An enemy who stops to help IN ENEMY TERRITORY.

Luke 10:29-35

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'







Textual Commentary:

- 10. "Proved" reinforces the idea that one's behavior and attitude reflect the inner state of faith.
- 11. The lawyer *might be so shocked* that he cannot even say "Samaritan" in response.
- 12. This was not just a thought experiment. Jesus wants those listening to act in response.

Luke 10:36-37

"36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."







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1. Love God:

Do this by knowing him and fostering a relationship with him through prayer, obedience, and tutoring your desires toward God's desires.

2. Love Neighbor:

Do this by crafting a life in service to others. This is done through sharing resources, time, attention, and making sacrifices for those in your midst.

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