

Luke 10 Pt 2

Magnify the Lord

- Seventy Return/Joyful time...

II. Good Samaritan

25 And behold, a certain lawyer **stood up** and **tested Him**, saying, "Teacher, **what shall I do** to inherit eternal life?" 26 [Jesus] said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

Jesus on His way to the cross to do for man what man cannot do for himself
Secure the opportunity of Eternal Life/Save men from Eternal Damnation

- **Lawyer:** Expert in Law of Moses. What can I do to be good enough to go to heaven?

A. Are you really asking Me that question as I'm on My way to the cross?

B. What did Moses say? What is your interpretation from your studies?

27 So [the lawyer] 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 [Jesus] said to him, "You have answered rightly; **do this and you will live.**"

- **Jesus:** Do what you said/You will have Eternal Life
 1. **Love God completely:** Heart/Soul/Strength/Mind
 2. **Love your neighbor:** In all the various ways you love yourself

This does not mean that we must love ourselves before we can love anyone else; ***it does mean*** that in the same way we take care of ourselves and are concerned about our own interests, we should take care and have concern for the interests of others. [Guzik]

Philippians 2:3b... in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

29 But he, **wanting to justify himself**, said to Jesus, "**And who is my neighbor?**"

- **Wanting to justify himself?** Wanting to be seen as righteous
- **Who is my neighbor?** He will regret asking...

30 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. 31 Now by chance a **certain priest** came down that road. And when he saw him, he **passed by** on the other side. 32 Likewise a **Levite**, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and **passed by** on the other side.

Who is my neighbor?

Answered w/a parable: Story placed alongside a Spiritual Truth

- **Certain man:**
 1. **Jew:** Traveling north after worshiping **in Jerusalem**
 2. **Jumped:** Stripped/Robbed/Beaten/**Left to die**
- **Certain Priest:** Saw him/kept walking on other side w/out stopping
- **Levite:** Stops/Looks/Crossed street to other side

**Religion passes seeing no possibility of applause
I'll pray for you...on my way to worship God**

- **Lawyer listening:** Also a religious guy like Priest/Levite
- **So far:** Two Religious Pious Jews pass by fellow Jew naked/**He's dying in street**

33 But a **certain Samaritan**, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had **compassion**. 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.'

- **Samaritans:** Mixed race with Assyrians
 1. Worshiped on Mt. Gerizim not Jerusalem
 2. Hostile to Jews for hundreds of years
 3. Denied Jesus/His disciples from resting there. Call down fire?
 4. If James/John got their way be No Samaritan in the parable

IOWs Samaritans and Jews hated each other

- **Certain Samaritan:**
 1. Came to him/Had compassion on him
 2. Poured oil/wine on wounds to soften/cleanse/heal
 3. Set him on his animal/Walked instead
 4. Took him off the animal into a motel
 5. Left two denarii: Two weeks provision/If any more I will pay later

IOW's The enemy of the man...gave the man all he had
That's what he would want someone to do for him. A Samaritan

When Jesus' listeners heard about the priest and the Levite, they probably expected Jesus to say next that a common Jewish man came and helped... But Jesus shocked them by saying that the man who **helped was a Samaritan**. [Guzik]

- **Three Men:** Jewish Priest/Jewish Levite/**Samaritan**

36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"37 And he said, "**He who showed mercy on him.**"

- Lawyer would not even say the word "**Samaritan**" yet...

Samaritan considered anyone in his path his neighbor
He proved it by his actions: **Showed mercy on him**

- **Mercy:** Not giving someone the judgment you think they deserve

Which one was the neighbor? The one who showed mercy

36b...Then Jesus said to him, "**Go and do likewise.**"

Do likewise? Show mercy to the undeserving/those you don't like

- **Lesson to the Lawyer:** You have not fulfilled the command. **Not justified.**
 1. Not loving your neighbor as you thought you were
 2. Not loving your neighbor as prescribed in the Law
 3. Don't even know who your neighbor is! Everyone in your path even enemies

And BTW...You can't love like that w/out My Spirit
So, Jesus continued to the cross to die for the self-righteous lawyer's soul

Apostle John: From Son of Thunder to authority in Loving God/others
1 John 4:12-21: If we don't love people we don't love God. **Period.**

1 John 4:12 No one has seen God at any time. **If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.**

No one has seen God in His fullness...But they should see God revealed in us

16b... God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

- **God is Love:** IOWs when we abide in love we abide **in God**

17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have **boldness in the day of judgment;** because as He is, so are we in this world.

- **Perfect Love:** God's love in us flowing out to others/back to God from them

God desires to perfect His love among us: Complete the circuit
When we take in/don't give out we short-circuit God's intent

- **We may have Boldness at Judgment:** How? We did what Jesus did..
 1. **We loved** as Jesus loved. Gave our lives
 2. **We cooperated** w/ His Spirit. His hands/feet
 3. **We decreased**/He increased in us.

As Jesus did 2000 year ago...We continue to do today
Therefore we have no fear of Judgment

18 **There is no fear in love**; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

Those who abide in love have no fear of judgment

Those who don't reciprocate God's love live **w/out assurance/in fear of judgment**

- **v28 Love God and others and live:** Fail to do so? Die
- **God loved us first:** While we were yet sinners

19 We love Him because **He first loved us.**

Revelation 1:5b [Jesus] **loved us** and **washed us** from our sins in His own blood,

Romans 5:8 ...God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

- Jesus loved us first thus we love Him
- **Others will not love us at all/** Still called to love as the Samaritan

Not called to like everybody/We are commanded to...

Proactively/Sacrificially love all God sovereignly places in our path

John 4:20 [Cont.] If someone says, "**I love God,**" and hates his brother, **he is a liar**; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that **he who loves God must love his brother also.**

- **Showing Mercy is not optional.** One of the Big two

You who claim to love Me who you can't see

Must demonstrate that love by **loving those you can see... and bug you**

- **Cain: Q.** Am I my brother's keeper? **A.** Yes

The Samaritan showed mercy to his enemy...Do likewise
Impossible without being Born Again by Spirit of God

[Always remember] what the law demands of us the **gospel produces in us.** [Spurgeon]

SUMMARY Parable of the Good Samaritan: Think about the expression on the beaten man's face when he looked up. Surprise people with Mercy/Grace.

IV. Mary and Martha

38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also **sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.**

- **Mary, Martha, Lazarus:** Jesus friends living in Bethany
 1. **Martha:** lit. She was rebellious
 2. **Mary:** lit. They are rebellious

Martha straightened up house/Welcomed Jesus in: **Everything was perfect**
Mary sat at Jesus feet /Listened to His Words. **Everything was more perfect**

40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, **do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.**"

- **Martha is spun**

1. **Separated** from Jesus by her service for Jesus?
2. **Bitter.** Easy to recognize: Begin to compare our service with others lack of

Lord don't You care? Tell Mary to get up/help and stop listening to You
I'm the only one who does anything around here?

Romans 14:4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

- **E.g.** Somebody on fire to do something thinks everyone should do same?
- Jail ministry/Street witnessing/Going to skate park etc. [Church-church promoting]
- **IOWs** just because someone is spinning doesn't mean you need to be spun too

Don't let anyone tell you what you are to be doing for Jesus **except His Spirit**
Spirit of Martha: I'm the only one who does anything around here?

- These are the ones who **burn out every time...**
- **Wrong heart...**better for you to also sit for a while

God does not need busy bees...He desires relationship first

The way to ... revival is to begin at the Master's feet; you must go there with Mary and afterwards...[then] you may work with Martha. [Spurgeon]

- First thing the man delivered of demons did was...**sit with Jesus**

Luke 8:35 [They] came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, **sitting at the feet of Jesus**, clothed and in his right mind.

- **Ruth sat at the feet** of Boaz a picture of our Kinsman Redeemer
- **David sat at the feet** of Ark of the Covenant in the presence of God

I know, I know...But tell her to get up/help me so I can make you happy?

41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "**Martha, Martha**, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will **not be taken away from her.**"

Troubled/Worried about everything?
One thing is needed Jesus said...Here, come sit with Me

Psalms 27:4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that I will seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, **to behold the beauty of the Lord**, and to inquire in His temple.