

# **Luke 10:25-11:13 – 7 May 2023**

## **“From Work To Worship”**

### Introduction

- \*Beginning in Chap 10, Jesus & His disciples are going to Jerusalem for the final time
- \*Nearly all accounts in Luke 10-18 are unique to Luke
- \*There's now going to place that have many more aristocrats and religious elites
- \*Many religious personalities are either in a works-based religion or fall into the idea of focusing on their own efforts toward pleasing God
  - \*It's a unsatisfying trap – don't fall for it
- \*So what does God want us focused on?
  - \*Worship of Him – our “all in all”

**Today we'll look at 3 ways to move from a frustrating working religion to an active worshipful relationship with our Heavenly Father**

**1<sup>st</sup> way to go from work to worship is to check your heart: is it self-righteous or compassionate (Vs 25-37)**

Read Vs 25 – *Bad lawyer & Good Samaritan*

1. He's religious man, expert in the law of Moses
2. There's nothing wrong w/ this question

Read Vs 26

1. Jesus points him to what is already written
2. True belief always been a word-based relationship w/ God not an experience-driven religious effort

Read Vs 27-28

1. This lawyer quotes these verses from the Law as the sum point of the Law – Well done
2. “This do & live” – that's the problem, we can't
3. His understanding of the Law is sound, but we'll see that he has misunderstanding of himself

Read Vs 29

1. “You just tell me who my neighbor is, & I'll do it” – He's still living independent of God

2. And there it is, the problem, he still thinks he can handle his own justification

Read Vs 30-37

1. Three kinds of people
  - a. Priest – kept distance – didn’t want further info, then he’d be accountable
  - b. Levite – looked on him – wanted to be in the know, but didn’t want to spend himself
  - c. Samaritan – had compassion – sacrificed his money & time unexpectantly
2. Difference between sympathy & compassion
  - a. Sym: have feeling for another’s situation
  - b. Com: make another’s situation your own
3. Jesus knew it would irate them to have the hero be a humble, compassionate Samaritan
  - a. Point: not what’s on outside but the inside
  - b. Anyone can serve God w/ compassion
4. Jesus ends with, “go & do”
  - a. The self-righteous need the Law
    - i. Read Rom 3:19-20

- b. Until we finally see our inability to be perfect, we need to be feed the law
- c. Good News doesn't seem good, unless we first understand the bad news

**2<sup>nd</sup> way to go from work to worship is to check your ears: are they closed or open (Vs 38-42)**

Read Vs 38 – *Mary & Martha*

- 1. We see Jesus' close relation with Lazarus & his sisters Mary & Martha in John 11-12, in Bethany

Read Vs 39-40

- 1. Please notice the activity of the two ladies for this visit with Jesus
  - a. Martha is working and serving
  - b. Mary is listening and worshipping
- 2. Martha's position is that this is wrong of Mary – “dost thou not care...”
  - a. Phrase only used 2x – storm at sea and here
  - b. We never need ask Jesus, “don't you care”
  - c. Both times, the person asking the question is the one misjudging the situation, not Jesus

## Read Vs 41-42

1. Martha is the one in John 11 that is so busy in her mind that she can't listen to Jesus' words when she's face to face with Him
2. What is the 'one thing' that is needed?
  - a. Martha's work was stress b/c her work was her source of spiritual pride
  - b. Mary's source of spiritual pride was Jesus Himself
3. Worship is the one thing that we need to choose
4. Stamina and patience to serve comes from first being a worshipper
5. Lord keep us from the snare of busyness at the expense of time in worship
6. Personal, regional or even national revival can only begin as we worship Jesus in spirit and truth

**3<sup>rd</sup> way to go from work to worship is to check your spirit: is it persistent or sporadic (Vs 1-13)**

Read Vs 1 – *The Disciple's Prayer*

1. Jesus taught them to pray earlier in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7), but now they want more
2. Teach us to pray...what things are important
  - a. Exp – Teach us to evangelize, teach us to train younger believers, teach us to respect govt

Read Vs 2-4

1. Characteristics of prayer
  - a. Adoration – Our Father in heaven (**Father**)
    - i. We have relation like family
    - ii. If He's not your Father, the only prayer He'll hear is “have mercy on me a sinner”
  - b. Authority – Thy kingdom is coming (**King**)
    - i. We live for His will & purpose
  - c. Asking – Ask for daily provision (**Friend**)
    - i. We depend on Him daily
  - d. Cleansing - Forgive us, as we do them (**Savior**)
    - i. We need a clean slate daily
  - e. Cover – no temptation, deliver us (**Priest**)
    - i. We are frail

## Read Vs 5-8

1. Whole family slept together, wake 1, wake all
2. ‘importunity’ – pressing solicitation at a troublesome frequency
3. Notice in this analogy of prayer, he’s asking to benefit someone else, it’s not selfish
4. The consistent, steadfast persistence of asking will bring good results with an earthly friend

## Read Vs 9-10

1. Present, active indicative verbs: this is continually happening – persistence is rewarded
2. Our Heavenly Father isn’t bothered by hearing from you, He loves you

## Read Vs 11-13

1. The ultimate expression of what God can give us is Himself - His presence continually guiding us
2. So don’t be fearful to open up to God, He delights to give you good things

## Conclusion

Have you ever been stuck in dead religion? You say, ‘how would I know?’

You’re stuck in dead religion if...

You derive your sense of worth from what you do for God, instead of...

Deriving your sense of worth from how much God loves you

Let’s come back to true worship of God

**1. Check our hearts: Is it self-righteous or compassionate?**

a. Love for others is energized by God’s love in us

**2. Check our ears: Are they closed or open?**

a. Service can become a distraction from having alone time with the Lord

**3. Check our spirit: Is it persistent or sporadic?**

a. Cultivate consistency with the Lord