

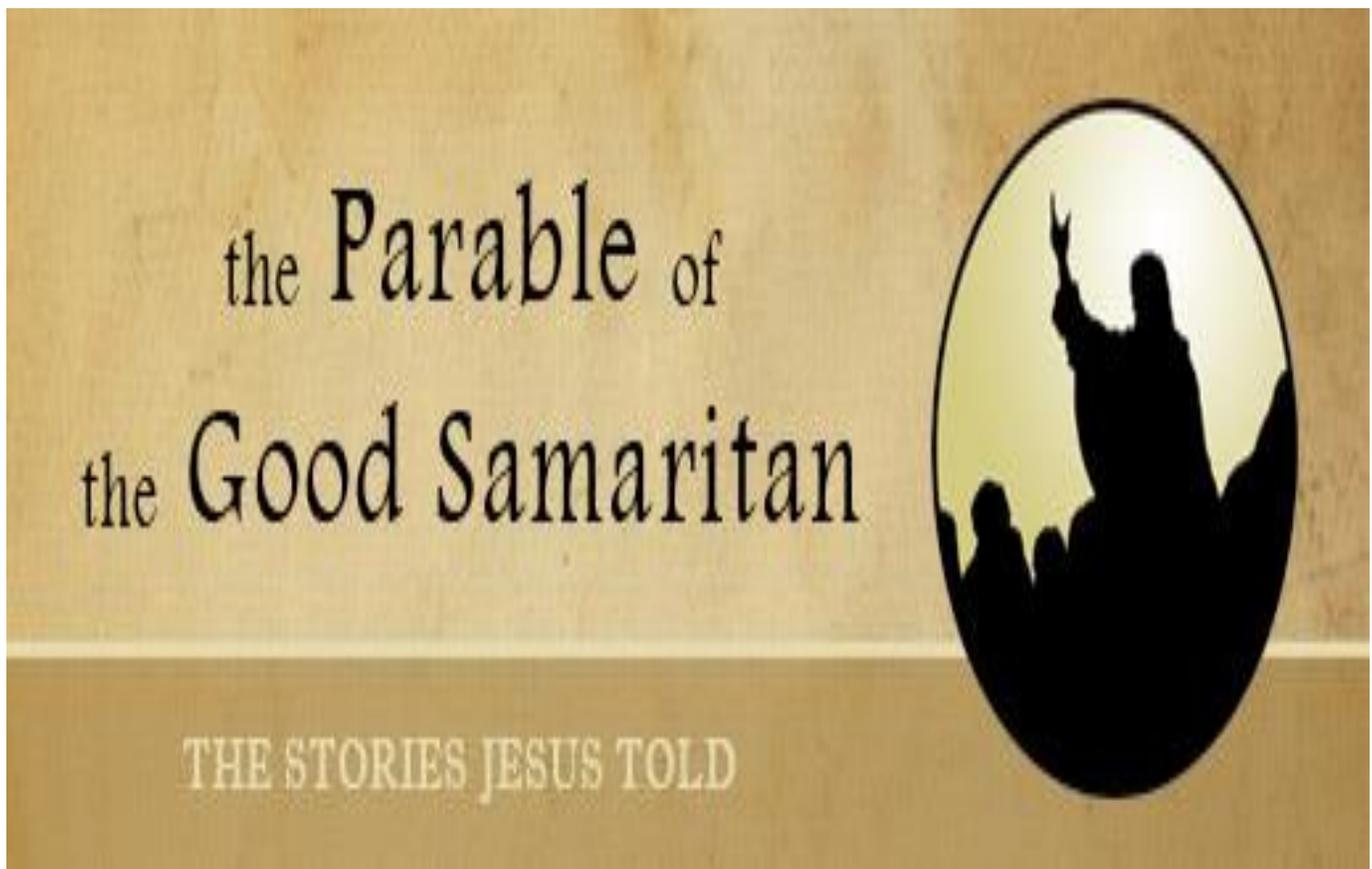
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The Parable of the Good Samaritan

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THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN Luke 10:25-37

NIV 1984 (New International Version)

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” ²⁷ He answered: “‘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, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” ²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” ²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’” ³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

NKJV (New King James Version)

²⁵ And behold, a certain lawyer 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? What is your reading *of 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.” ²⁹ But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 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. 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.’” 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.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

CJB (Complete Jewish Bible)

²⁵ An expert in *Torah* stood up to try and trap him by asking, “Rabbi, what should I do to obtain eternal life?” ²⁶ But Yeshua said to him, “What is written in the *Torah*? How do you read it?” ²⁷ He answered, “You are to love *ADONAI* your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your understanding; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ “That’s the right answer,” Yeshua said. “Do this, and you will have life.” ²⁹ But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Yeshua, “And who is my ‘neighbor’?” ³⁰ Taking up the question, Yeshua said: “A man was going down from Yerushalayim to Yericho when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him naked and beat him up, then went off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ By coincidence, a *cohen* was going down on that road; but when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² Likewise a *Levi* who reached the place and saw him also passed by on the other side. ³³ “But a man from Shomron who was traveling came upon him; and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ So he went up to him, put oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them. Then he set him on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day, he took out two days’ wages, gave them to the innkeeper and said, ‘Look after him; and if you spend more than this, I’ll pay you back when I return.’ ³⁶ Of these three, which one seems to you to have become the ‘neighbor’ of the man who fell among robbers?” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who showed mercy toward him.” Yeshua said to him, “You go and do as he did.”

MSG (The Message, Paraphrased)

²⁵ Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. “Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?” ²⁶ He answered, “What’s written in God’s Law? How do you interpret it?” ²⁷ He said, “That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself.” ²⁸ “Good answer!” said Jesus. “Do it and you’ll live.” ²⁹ Looking for a loophole, he asked, “And just how would you define ‘neighbor’?” ³⁰⁻³² Jesus answered by telling a story. “There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man. ³³⁻³⁵ “A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man’s condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I’ll pay you on my way back.’ ³⁶ “What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?” ³⁷ “The one who treated him kindly,” the religion scholar responded. Jesus said, “Go and do the same.”

OJB (Orthodox Jewish Bible)

²⁵ And a certain Talmid Chacham, a Baal Torah, stood up, testing Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, saying, Rabbi, what mitzvah must I do to inherit Chayyei Olam? ²⁶ And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to him, In the Torah what has been written? How do you read it? ²⁷ And in reply the Baal Torah said, VAHAVTA ES ADONAI ELOHECHA BKHOL LVAVCHA UVECHOL

NAFSHECHA UVECHOL MODECHA [[DEVARIM 6:4,5](#)] and L'REACHA KAMOCHA [[DEVARIM 6:5](#); [VAYIKRA 19:18](#)] ²⁸ And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Your answer is frum. Richtik. Do this and you will live. ²⁹ But because the Baal Torah wanted to justify himself, to be yitzdak im Hashem (justified with G-d, [IYOV 25:4](#)) on the basis of his own zchus (merit) he said to him, And who is my REA (neighbor)? ³⁰ In reply, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said, A certain ish was coming down from Yerushalayim to Yericho, and he encountered shodedim. They stripped him and inflicted a klap, more than one, and they went away and left him half dead. ³¹ It so happened that a certain kohen was coming down by that derech, and, having seen him, he passed by on the other side. [[VAYIKRA 21:1-3](#)] ³² And likewise also a Levi happened upon the place, but when he came and saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³³ But a certain Shomroni, traveling along on the derech, came upon him; and when he saw him, he was filled with rachmei shomayim. ³⁴ And when this Shomroni approached, he bandaged the man's wounds, pouring shemen and yayin over them; and when he had placed him upon his own donkey, he brought the man to a malon and cared for him. ³⁵ And on the next day he produced two denarii and gave them to the inn keeper of the malon and said, Take care of him, and whatever you spend additionally, I will take care of, when I return. ³⁶ Who of these shaloshah seems to you to have become a re'a to the one having fallen among the shodedim? ³⁷ And the Baal Torah answered, The one having shown the man rachamim. And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Go and do likewise.

I. ANALYSIS OF THE TEXT

- A. A somewhat different type of kingdom parable. More specific and practical.
- B. This parable is peculiar to Luke's Gospel, although the subjects/issues raised are not.
- C. Contrary to most teaching, I believe there are **TWO** relevant concerns raised in the text:
 - 1. Personal salvation (“**what must I do to inherit eternal life?**”)
 - 2. “Who is my neighbor?” A poignant question in light of our discussion on immigration.

II. TEXTUAL NOTES

- A. Jesus is addressing an “**expert in the law.**”
- B. To the expert's question, Jesus refers him to a portion of the Shema (Deut. 6:5)
 The companion passage is Deut. 11:13-21

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

 שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְיָ אֶחָד
Sh'ma Yis'ra'eil Adonai Eloheinu Adonai echad.
 Hear, Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One.

בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלָכּוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד
Barukh sheim k'vod malkhuto l'olam va'ed.
 Blessed be the Name of His glorious kingdom for ever and ever.

וְאַתְהָבָה אֵת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל לְבָבְךָ וּבְכָל נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל מְאֹדְךָ

V'ahav'ta eit Adonai Elohekha b'khol l'vav'kha uv'khol naf'sh'kha uv'khol m'odekha.

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְצַוְךָ הַיּוֹם עַל לְבָבְךָ

V'hayu had'varim ha'eileh asher anokhi m'tzav'kha hayom al l'vavekha.

And these words that I command you today shall be in your heart.

וְשִׁנַּנְתָּם לְבָנֶיךָ וְדִבַּרְתָּ בָּם

V'shinan'tam l'vanekha v'dibar'ta bam

And you shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall speak of them

בְּשֹׁבְתְךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ וּבְלֶכְתְּךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ וּבְשֹׁכְבְךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ

b'shiv't'kha b'veitekha uv'lekh't'kha vaderekh uv'shakh'b'kha uv'kumekha

when you sit at home, and when you walk along the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up.

וּקְשַׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל יָדְךָ וְהָיוּ לְטֹטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ

Uk'shar'tam l'ot al yadekha v'hayu l'totafot bein einekha.

And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes.

וּכְתַבְתָּם עַל מְזוֹזֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ

Ukh'tav'tam al m'zuzot beitekha uvish'arekha.

And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

- C. The expert was either not satisfied with Jesus' confirmation of his answer, didn't like the requirements laid out in the answer, or was trying to catch Jesus since "he" was the "expert."
- D. The Parable
1. "A man" – was he a Jew or a Samaritan? No name. "Mr. Whosoever."
 2. Man gets beat up by robbers (where they Jewish or Samaritans? Does it matter?) They leave him to die ("half dead")
 3. **3 people** saw the man in his half dead state:
 - a. A Priest – "A Preacher"
 - b. A Levite – "A Praiser"
 - c. A Samaritan – "An Ordinary, But Religiously Unaccepted Person"
 4. The Samaritan **Acted**
 - a. Empathetic, not just Sympathetic
 - b. Stopped what he was doing. Got **personally involved** in the man's situation. Took him to a place where the man could be helped.
 - c. Stayed with him.

- d. Resumed his journey, but prepaid for 24 days worth of lodging (“two denarii”)

Jesus’ Prevailing Question:

“WHICH OF THESE 3 WAS A NEIGHBOR TO THE MAN?”

III. LESSONS/SPIRITUAL & LIFE APPLICATIONS/QUESTIONS

- A. We **should** have a concern about eternal life, but eternal life is predicated on how we live and believe **NOW**. Jesus effectively said, “do this **NOW** and you will live **THEN**.” “Send up the timber...”
- B. Who are the people in your **“neighborhood?”**
- C. Have you ever needed help and were helped by someone you didn’t know? Have you ever been denied help by people you know?
- D. Is it possible that we can be so **“heavenly bound”** that we are no **“earthly good,”** in the sense of ignoring those things right in front of us?
- E. Sometimes your greatest help will come from the least likely of sources.
- F. Godly love is not **“talk”** but **“action.”**

REMINDERS

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BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Weds. 7/10	6 pm	Home of Sis. Karen Cooper Club at Autumn Ridge 1200 Ridge Drive, Union, NJ 07083 Meet in Clubhouse
Sat. 7/20	9 am	SM Facebook Page & Website or Zoom (You have to download it onto your device. This will allow us to see each other.)
Mon. 7/22 – Fri. 7/26	6 pm Nightly	Church – Youth Explosion & Adult Bible Training Institute
Weds. 7/31	6 pm	Home of Sis. Laury Tilus 409 Tremont Avenue, Orange, NJ
Sat. 8/10	10 am – 4 pm	“When They See Us” Movie Day at the Church
Tues. 8/20	6:30 pm	SM Facebook Page & Website, Zoom

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