



Lesson 45 – The Good Samaritan

Based on Luke 10:25-37

1) What happened in our last lesson?

Luke 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the _____ are subject unto us through thy name.

2) Was Jesus pleased?

Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as _____ fall from heaven.

Jesus at this time had left his home area of Galilee for the very last time and was making his way to Jerusalem to fulfill His destiny and ours. He was passing through Samaria and had a little trouble there but left His Disciples with a lesson on forgiveness and to whom the Gospel should go. Jesus was talking with the seventy about all that had happened.

3) What happened next?

Luke 10:25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and _____ him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

With breathless attention the large congregation awaited the answer. The priests and rabbis had thought to entangle Christ by having the lawyer ask this question. But the Saviour entered into no controversy. He required the answer from the questioner himself.

4) Looking into his heart, what did Jesus ask?

Luke 10:26 He said unto him, What is written in the _____? how readest thou?

5) What did the lawyer respond with?

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt _____ the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

In his answer as to the requirements of the law, he passed by all the mass of ceremonial and ritualistic precepts. For these he claimed no value, but presented the two great principles on “which hang all the law and the prophets”.

6) Jesus replied:

Luke 10:28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt _____.

Supreme love to God and impartial love to man are the principles to be wrought out in the life.

7) What was the response of the lawyer?

Luke 10:29 But he, willing to justify _____, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

The lawyer found himself a lawbreaker. He was convicted under Christ's searching words. The righteousness of the law, which he claimed to understand, he had not practiced. He had not manifested love toward his fellow man. Repentance was demanded; but instead of repenting, he tried to justify himself. Rather than acknowledge the truth, he sought to show how difficult of fulfillment the commandment is. Thus, he hoped both to parry conviction and to vindicate himself in the eyes of the people.



They had no doubt as to the heathen and the Samaritans; these were strangers and enemies. But where should the distinction be made among the people of their own nation, and among the different classes of society? Whom should the priest, the rabbi, the elder, regard as neighbor? They spent their lives in a round of ceremonies to make themselves pure. Contact with the ignorant and careless multitude, they taught, would cause defilement that would require wearisome effort to remove.

8) Did Jesus enter into their controversy?

Luke 10:30-32 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among _____, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain _____ that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a _____, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

Jesus refused to be drawn into controversy. He did not denounce the bigotry of those who were watching to condemn Him. But by a simple story He held up before His hearers such a picture of the outflowing of heaven-born love as touched all hearts and drew from the lawyer a confession of the truth.

This was no imaginary scene, but an actual occurrence, which was known to be exactly as represented. The priest and the Levite who had passed by on the other side were in the company that listened to Christ's words.

9) What did Paul tell us in Hebrews?

Hebrews 5:2 Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is _____ with infirmity.

10) The Priest and the Levite were called to the same ministry as Jesus, what was it?

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the _____, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at _____ them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

The angels of heaven look upon the distress of God's family upon the earth, and they are prepared to co-operate with men in relieving oppression and suffering. God in His providence had brought the priest and the Levite along the road where the wounded sufferer lay, that they might see his need of mercy and help. All heaven watched to see if the hearts of these men would be touched with pity for human woe.

11) What did God tell the Children of Israel through Moses?

Deuteronomy 10:17-18 For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh _____: He doth execute the _____ of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

Leviticus 19:34 But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt _____ him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.



12) What did Christ show in contrast to what He was seeing in the lawyer's heart?

Luke 10:33-35 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and _____ up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took _____ of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I _____, I will repay thee.

He did not question whether the stranger was a Jew or a Gentile. If a Jew, the Samaritan well knew that, were their condition reversed, the man would spit in his face and pass him by with contempt. But he did not hesitate on account of this. He did not consider that he himself might be in danger of violence by tarrying in the place. It was enough that there was before him a human being in need and suffering.

13) Jesus looked into that Lawyer's eyes and what did He ask?

Luke 10:36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was _____ unto him that fell among the thieves?

14) How did the Lawyer reply?

Luke 10:37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou _____.

15) What command did Jesus give us?

John 13:34 A new _____ I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

In the story of the good Samaritan, Jesus gave a picture of Himself and His mission. Man had been deceived, bruised, robbed, and ruined by Satan, and left to perish; but the Saviour had compassion on our helpless condition. He left His glory, to come to our rescue. He found us ready to die, and He undertook our case. He healed our wounds. He covered us with His robe of righteousness. He opened to us a refuge of safety and made complete provision for us at His own charges. He died to redeem us.

16) What did Jesus tell the Lawyer?

Luke 10:37 ... Go, and do thou _____.

17) What lesson did John learn and teach later?

1 John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to _____, even as he walked.

Many who profess His name have lost sight of the fact that Christians are to represent Christ. Unless there is practical self-sacrifice for the good of others, in the family circle, in the neighborhood, in the church, and wherever we may be, then whatever our profession, we are not Christians.

18) What was one of the directions given to His Disciples?

Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have _____, freely give.

Sin is the greatest of all evils, and it is ours to pity and help the sinner. There are many who err, and who feel their shame and their folly. They are hungry for words of encouragement. They look upon their mistakes and errors, until they are driven almost to desperation. These souls we are not to neglect.



19) What did Paul have to say about it?

Galatians 6:1-2 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, _____ such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. _____ ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Speak words of faith and courage that will be as a healing balsam to the bruised and wounded one. Many, many, have fainted and become discouraged in the great struggle of life, when one word of kindly cheer would have strengthened them to overcome. Never should we pass by one suffering soul without seeking to impart to him of the comfort wherewith we are comforted of God.

20) What reminder did the Apostle John give us later in his life?

1 John 4:20-21 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a _____: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his _____ also.

Can you see Jesus has the ability to peer into your soul?

Would you like to be more like Him?

When is the time to follow through with God's Plan?

