

Parable of the Good Samaritan

Lk. 10:25-37

I. The parable (vv. 30-31)

- A. A man journeying was robbed & injured (v. 30)
- B. A priest ignored his condition (v. 31)
- C. Also a Levite passed him (v. 32)
- D. A Samaritan had compassion (vv. 33-35)
 - 1. Took care of him (v. 34)
 - 2. Provided for his care (v. 35)

II. The events precipitating the parable (vv. 25-29)

- A. Temptation by a lawyer (vv. 25-28)
 - 1. Inquired what to do for eternal life (v. 25)
 - 2. Jesus asked him about the law regarding the matter (v. 26)
 - 3. Lawyer answers to love God & one's neighbor (v. 27)
 - 4. Jesus approves (v. 28)
- B. Lawyer attempts to justify himself (v. 29a)
- C. The parable answers the question "Who is my neighbor?" (v. 29b)

III. "Who is my neighbor?" answered (vv. 36-37)

- A. Jesus asks who was the neighbor in the parable (v. 36)
- B. Lawyer answers the one who showed mercy (v. 37a)
- C. Jesus tells him to do similarly (v. 37b)

IV. Lessons from the parable & surrounding account

- A. Requirements for eternal life (cf. v. 27)
 - 1. The lawyer cited De. 6:5 & Le. 19:18 as necessary for eternal life
 - 2. These commands are often cited as the greatest commandments (Mt. 22:36-40; Mk. 12:28-34)
 - 3. Jesus answered this question by referring to other commands (Mt. 19:16-22; Mk. 10:17-22; Lk. 18:18-30)
 - 4. John records that Jesus taught that faith is essential for eternal life (Jn. 3:15-16, 36; 6:40, 47)
 - 5. Paul wrote continuance in well doing & obedience to the truth are conditions (Ro. 2:7-8)
- B. Christian love exemplified (cf. vv. 33-35)
 - 1. True love always reveals itself in behaviors
 - a. Consider the behaviors mentioned in 1 Co. 13:4-7)
 - b. Should love others by actions (1 Jn. 3:17-18)
 - c. Love for God is demonstrated by obedient deeds (Jn. 14:15, 21, 23; 1 Jn. 5:3)
 - 2. Jesus set the standard love for others should extend (Jn. 15:12-13)
 - a. Husbands should love their wives to this degree (Ep. 5:25)
 - b. Christians should love one another the same way (1 Jn. 3:16)
 - 3. The priest & Levite are examples of lacking love & being indifferent (vv. 31-32)
 - a. Perhaps, they didn't view the injured man as their neighbor
 - b. The law also commanded love for strangers (Le. 19:33-34; De. 10:19)
- C. Futility of self-justification (cf. v. 29)
 - 1. Self-justification is detestible to God (Lk. 16:15)
 - 2. Another parable illustrates this -- The Pharisee & the publican (Lk. 18:9-14)