

The Parables Of Jesus

Lesson 8

The Parable Of The Good Samaritan (Lk. 10:30-37)

Where & When: The start of *The Judean Ministry*

- *The Great Galilean Ministry* has concluded; the 4 withdrawals from Galilee have occurred
- It is approximately 6 months before Jesus' crucifixion

Occasion Producing The Parable:

- A Jewish lawyer (*expert in the Law*) approached Jesus to inquire about eternal life (v. 25)
 - His interest was feigned...he intended to test Jesus with his question
- Jesus' reply emphasized the word of God (v. 26)
- The lawyer correctly summarized the commandments...Jesus commends him (vv. 27-28)
- The lawyer attempts to "justify himself" by trying to find a "loophole" (v. 29)
 - He tried to limit the identity of his "neighbor"

Questions:

1) Briefly summarize the parable. (vv. 30-35)

2) Consider these 3 "rules" by which men have always lived...

The "Iron Rule"	The "Silver Rule"	The "Golden Rule"
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do unto others before they do unto you• What is thine is mine... I'll take it	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't do to others what they don't do to you• What is mine is mine... I'll keep it	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do unto others as you want done unto you• What is mine is thine... I'll share it

Label which "rule" each of the following lived by, citing something from the parable as proof.

The robbers -

The priest & the Levite -

The Samaritan -

3) Re: these "rules," has human behavior changed? (Rom. 1:29-31; 2 Tim. 3:1-4)

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- 4) Oddly enough, how were the robbers, the priest, and the Levite alike? How was the Samaritan different from them all?

- 5) Do you think the identity of the parable's "hero" was chosen by accident? (vv. 31-32; Jn. 4:9)
Notice also how the lawyer answers Jesus' question in v. 37...how didn't he phrase his answer?

- 6) What happened to the lawyer's "loophole?" (vv. 36-37; cp. v. 29) How big is the "neighborhood... who does it include?

- 7) *Thought questions*: what does the Samaritan's actions teach about serving others? (vv. 33-35; Mt. 5:41-42, 43-46) What should always be our goal when rendering such service? (1 Cor. 9:19)

- 8) What does this parable teach us about love? (1 Jn. 3:16-18)

- 9) How might the words of Hos. 6:6, and Jesus' quotation of them in Mt. 9:13, be applied here?
Also consider 1 Jn. 4:20-21 in your answer.

- 10) What is the main lesson to be learned from this famous parable?