

28 Parables of Jesus A Converted Samaritan

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Chapter 27 – “Who Is My Neighbor?”

During Jesus earthly ministry many Pharisees, Sadducees, scribes, and lawyer tried many times to “trip” Jesus up. This time was no different. But Jesus used these moments as teaching tools.

What did a certain lawyer ask Jesus?

Luke 10:25

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

Do you think that the lawyer actually accepted Jesus as his Master or was this a way to mock Him? Knowing this question was asked to “tempt” Jesus it was void of any sincerity. It appears that it was an incredulous question? A question designed to put doubt in the minds of the listeners. This is the way Satan tempted Eden in the garden of Eden. Satan as a snake said to Eve in an incredulous way “Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”

Also notice the lawyer's emphasis on what shall I do.... as if their are ceremonial acts that a person can do to earn their way to heaven...

Does Jesus get entangled with the lawyer's incredulous question? How did Jesus respond?

Luke 10:26

26 He said unto him, **What is written in the law? how readest thou?**

Instead of getting into a debate with the lawyer, he asked him a question. He took the temporal situation and used it as an opportunity to teaching a powerful lesson for those who witnessed first hand and for us today.

What was the certain lawyer's response?

Luke 10:27

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love 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.

The lawyer is quoting from Deuteronomy 6:5 and the last part of Leviticus 19:18

Deu 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Lev 19:18 ...but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I *am* the LORD.

There was another occasion when another lawyer tried to trip Jesus up in Matthew 22:35 – 40. What was Jesus response?

Matthew 22:35-40

35 Then one of them, *which was* a lawyer, asked *him a question*, tempting him, and saying,

36 Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

- 38 This is the first and great commandment.
 39 And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

What hangs on loving God and loving others?

All the Ten Commandments and the testimonies!

Going back to Luke chapter 10 verse 28.

What was Jesus response to the certain lawyer's answer?

Luke 10:28

28 And he said unto him, **Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.**

Was the lawyer satisfied with Jesus response? It appears at this point that the lawyer is convicted with the truth. The lawyer knew that his life was just a round of ceremonies. He knew that his life was vanity. Deep down he was looking for something more. Something more meaningful and soul satisfying. **He knew the letter of the law but not the true spirit of the law of God.**

Pricked by the truthfulness of Jesus' response, what question did the lawyer ask Jesus to try to justify himself? He tried to detract and divert his conviction.

Luke 10:29

29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

This was a very contentions question among the Pharisees, scribes, and Sadducees, "who is my neighbor?"

"Among the Jews the question, "Who is my neighbour?" caused endless dispute. 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. Were they to regard the "unclean" as neighbors?" COL 375

Jesus did not get into a debate with the lawyer, he answered the question 'who is my neighbour' with a powerful parable of the good Samaritan. The parable of the Good Samaritan is a lesson on practical Ten Commandment living in Jesus Christ.

Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:30-35

- 30 And Jesus answering said, **A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.**
 31 **And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.**
 32 **And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, 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 on him,**
 34 **And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.**
 35 **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 come again, I will repay thee.**

The parable of the good Samaritans was based on a true story that actually happened.

The journey from Jerusalem to Jericho was known for its crime and violence. It was a very dangerous journey. (Show map). It is roughly a 15 mile journey that would take a walking person at least 8 hours to reach Jericho.

Who was the victim in the parable?

A Jew coming from Jerusalem

What was the condition of the victim?

Beaten, all valuables stolen, clothes stripped from him, wounded and half dead!

What did the priest do when he saw the victim? Pass him by

All priests that served in the temple were from the lineage of Aaron. They were the only ones that could be priests.... They were the leaders in the Jewish temple

What did the Levite do when he saw the victim? Pass him by!

The Levites were all from the lineage of Levi. They were servants in the temple. They assisted the priests.

What did Samaritan do when he saw the victim? Helped him – bound the wounds.. oil and wine and took to the inn for recovery

Why does Jesus use the Samaritan in this parable to teach a very powerful lesson of who is your neighbor?

The Samaritans and the Jews hated each other. Samaria was between Jerusalem and Galilee (show map).

What is a little history that explains why the Jews hated the Samaritans?

In the northern kingdom of Israel king Ahab's father Omri moved Israel's capital from Tirzah to Samaria.

It was in Samaria where king Ahab and Jezebel led Israel into great apostasy against God.

It was on the mountain region of Samaria on Mt. Carmel where Elijah confronted the Israelites to make a choice between Baal or God.

It was in Samaria where the last king of the northern kingdom, Israel, Hoshea experienced the complete fall of the northern kingdom because they left the commandments of God and his testimonies. They were overthrown by the Assyrians.

2 Kings 17:6

6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

With all the Israelites striped away from their land who did the king of Assyrians replace them with?

2Ki 17:24 And the king of Assyria brought *men* from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

What happened to the new heathen people in the land Samaria?**2 Kings 17:25-28**

- 25 And *so* it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, *that* they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew *some* of them.
- 26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land.
- 27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land.
- 28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

2 Kings 17:33-34

- 33 They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.
- 34 Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel;

They mixed the worship of the true God with pagan false gods. Overtime the priest family and other Israelites mixed themselves with the Samaritans. It was so many overtime were practically Pagan Israelites.

After this what really caused a lot of contention between Samaria and the southern kingdom of Judah?

“When the temple at Jerusalem was rebuilt in the days of Ezra, the Samaritans wished to join the Jews in its erection. This privilege was refused them, and a bitter animosity sprang up between the two peoples. The Samaritans built a rival temple on Mount Gerizim. Here they worshiped in accordance with the Mosaic ritual, though they did not wholly renounce idolatry. But disasters attended them, their temple was destroyed by their enemies, and they seemed to be under a curse; yet they still clung to their traditions and their forms of worship. They would not acknowledge the temple at Jerusalem as the house of God, nor admit that the religion of the Jews was superior to their own.” DA 188

Also when Nehemiah was rebuilding the walls at Jerusalem it was Samaritans with Sanballat as their leader who tried to stop it.

Over the years the hatred between the two deepen. When a Jew called another fellow Jew a Samaritan it was like saying a curse word. It was like calling them the devil. At the time of Christ this hatred between the two was very very deep.

Matter of fact what did the Jewish church leader call Christ to show their deep hatred toward Him?**John 8:48-49**

- 48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?
- 49 Jesus answered, **I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.**

The woman at the well also acknowledge hatred between the Jews and the Samaritans

John 4:9

- 9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

The Samaritan woman was still mixing the holy with the profane.

Joh 4:18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou

truly.

What was Jesus' response to the acknowledge hatred?

Jesus ministered to her and the Samaritans. A great revival and reformation! Jesus demonstrated the true deep spiritual meaning of the commandments of God in the heart – ACTION.

Even though this Samaritan in his past mix the profane with the holy, it is obvious here in the parable that he was converted by the power and love of Jesus Christ. Maybe he was part of the revival and reformation as a result of the woman at the well. The good Samaritan is want conversion looks like!

This Samaritan had the same compassion of Jesus

Luke 10: 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

Compassion of Jesus (Compassion = love and mercy @ work!)

Matthew 9:35-36

- 35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.
36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

All the Ten Commandments hang on loving God and loving others.

The parable of the Good Samaritans show us that in ACTION in a real and practical way.

1 John 3:10, 17-24

- 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.
17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?
18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.
19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.
20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.
21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God.
22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.
23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.
24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

Love in action is the true spirit for those who keep ALL the commandments of God. Love for God and others.

1 John 4:11-12, 20 and 21

- 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.
12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.
20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?
21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.
Like the Samaritan you should keep the commandments of God in the true spirit of Love. When you see

your brother or sister in need of the gospel or need of help you keep the third commandment, for example by not being a hypocrite, you help. You keep the sixth commandment, though shall not murder, you will not let this suffering victim bleed to death when you can do something to help.

The priest and Levite was selfish. They did not even help their fellow Jew. They left him there to die. They broke the commandments of God and did not understand the truth spirit of the ten commandments.

Spiritually who does the victim represent?

All of us... broken by sin... wounded.... half dead – others

Who does the thief represent?

Satan.... John 10:10 **The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...**

Who do the priests represent in today standards?

Church leadership, pastors, etc...

Who do Levites represent? Church support and workers, members who profess Jesus... we are all supposed to be workers of the gospel.

Who does the good Samaritans represent?

This Samaritan represents Christ. Our Saviour manifested for us a love that the love of man can never equal. When we were bruised and dying, He had pity upon us. He did not pass us by on the other side, and leave us, helpless and hopeless, to perish. He did not remain in His holy, happy home, where He was beloved by all the heavenly host. He beheld our sore need, He undertook our case, and identified His interests with those of humanity. He died to save His enemies. He prayed for His murderers. Pointing to His own example, He says to His followers, "These things I command you, that ye love one another"; "as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 15:17; 13:34. {COL 381.1}

Like the Samaritan, Jesus gave all we need the oil, the holy spirit, the unfermented wine, the blood of Jesus, the inn of Jesus for total for total healing, reformation, and transformation! Like the Samaritans Jesus paid it all!

What did Jesus ask the lawyer at the end of the parable?

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

What was the lawyers response?

Luk 10:37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him...

The lawyer still had deep hatred for the Samaritan because he did not want to say it! He was pricked but unconverted.

Regardless, what did Jesus tell the lawyer to do?

Luke 10:37... (last part) Then said Jesus unto him, **Go, and do thou likewise.**

We are to minister like Jesus... teaching, preaching, and healing.... practical ministry. We are not to neglect lost souls for Jesus Christ.

“This question Christ answered in the parable of the good Samaritan. He showed that our neighbor does not mean merely one of the church or faith to which we belong. It has no reference to race, color, or class distinction. Our neighbor is every person who needs our help. Our neighbor is every soul who is wounded and bruised by the adversary. Our neighbor is every one who is the property of God.” COL 376

Time is extremely short and prophecy is fulfilling FAST! People need to know that Jesus is coming soon.

Revelation 13:11-17

- 11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.
- 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.
- 13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,
- 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.
- 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.
- 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:
- 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

“In the movements now in progress in the United States to secure for the institutions and usages of the church the support of the state, Protestants are following in the steps of papists. Nay, more, they are opening the door for the papacy to regain in Protestant America the supremacy which she has lost in the Old World. And that which gives greater significance to this movement is the fact that the principal object contemplated is the enforcement of Sunday observance--a custom which originated with Rome, and which she claims as the sign of her authority.” GC 573

The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's words: "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17. GC 592

The Stage is set and the actors and acting...

Latest prophecy – TRUMP administration is determined to undo the Constitution and true freedom of religion.

Trump wants to 'destroy' amendment key to separation of church and state – February 2, 2017

President Trump made a move that will likely ignite a conversation about the separation of church and state.

Trump recently told religious leaders he wants to "totally destroy" a 1954 U.S. law barring churches and other religious institutions from religious activity if they want to keep tax-exempt status.

At the National Prayer Breakfast, the President spoke out against the so-called Johnson Amendment.

"I will get rid of and totally destroy the Johnson Amendment and allow our representatives of faith to speak freely and without fear and retribution," said Trump.

Trump is trying to make good on a campaign promise he made in September when he said churches need to get their voices back.

[update: President Trump Signs ‘Religious Liberty’ Executive Order, Weakens Johnson Amendment by [Ronn Blitzer](http://lawnewz.com/high-profile/president-trump-signs-religious-freedom-executive-order-rolls-back-johnson-amendment/) | 12:22 pm, May 4th, 2017 <http://lawnewz.com/high-profile/president-trump-signs-religious-freedom-executive-order-rolls-back-johnson-amendment/>]

Show Christian graphic... 78% Christian in the US

Trump's cabinet picks that threaten separation of church and state

Betsy DeVos – U.S Dept of Education

Asked whether Christian schools should continue to rely on giving—rather than pushing for taxpayer money through vouchers—Betsy DeVos replied, "There are not enough philanthropic dollars in America to fund what is currently the need in education...Our desire is to confront the culture in ways that will continue to advance God's kingdom." <http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2017/01/betsy-devos-christian-schools-vouchers-charter-education-secretary>

Ben Carson - Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"There are those who go around proclaiming separation of church and state. You can't put anything up that has anything to do with God."

Jeff Sessions - U.S. attorney general

has called church/state separation an "extra-constitutional doctrine,"

Extraconstitutional definition, not authorized by or based on a constitution; beyond the provisions of a constitution.

Mike Pompeo – CIA Director

"To worship our lord and celebrate our nation at the same place is not only our right, it is our duty,"

Scott Pruitt - Environmental Protection Agency

Rick Perry - Department of Energy

Nikki Haley - United States' representative to the United Nations

Michael T. Flynn - National security adviser [now former]

Director Homeland Security – Lead by Jesuit!

John Kelly – Trained at Jesuit School – Georgetown University – Roman Catholic

Appeal.... while this is going on what is the SDA corp church doing... head in sand... LGBT movement marches on!

We knew it was coming and it is here!!!!

The SDA Corp church... left the truth...

Married Lesbian Couple Baptised Into Chico Seventh-day Adventist Church (February 2, 2017)

Alice Silva and Amber Machado were 'married' in Glenn County, California on 7-19-2014. Their new name is Amber and Alice Machado. Amber was raised Seventh-day Adventist and baptized many years ago.

On June 4, 2016, Alice Machado was baptized into the Chico Seventh-day Adventist church in north central California where her 'husband' (Amber Machado) was already a baptized member.

Alice was baptized at the Chico Church by Ginger Hanks Harwood, a former associate professor at the La Sierra University theology department. {[ordained](#) as Seventh-day Adventist ministers}-

<http://www.fulcrum7.com/blog/2017/2/2/married-lesbian-baptised-into-chico-seventh-day-adventist-church>

We must display the true spirit of the ten commandments and share the truth of the soon coming of Jesus ALL! This is not the time to be quiet about what is going on!