

Luke 10:25-37 **What shall I do to Inherit Eternal Life? – Good Samaritan**

What to do to inherit Eternal Life

25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

Keep the Commandments of the Law

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."

Who Is My Neighbor?

29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

The Good Samaritan (a true story as indicated by the word "certain")

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." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

The Question – How to inherit Eternal Life? [Matthew 19:16-30, Mark 10:17-31, Luke 10:25, 18:18-30]

✚ Teacher, What shall I do to inherit Eternal Life? [Matthew 19:16, Mark 10:17, Luke 10:25, 18:18]

Jesus' answer – Keep the commandments of the Law.

✚ Keep the commandments to inherit Eternal Life. [Leviticus 18:5, Deuteronomy 4:1, 40, 5:33, 6:3, 18, 24, 8:1-3, 11:18-21, 12:28, 16:20, 30:15-16, 19-20, 32:45-47, Nehemiah 9:29, Ezekiel 20:11, 13, 21, Matthew 19:16-17, Mark 10:19, Luke 10:25-28, 18:20, Galatians 3:12]

✧ God promised life for keeping all His commandments which is still valid in the New Covenant, but they must be kept perfectly through the entire life.

✧ Which ones? The Ten Commandments.

✚ Jesus turned to the Law and asked:

✧ "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" [Luke 10:26]

✚ The commandments mentioned by the Lawyer were:

✧ "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.'" [Luke 10:27]

✚ Jesus confirmed the validity of the stated Law:

- ✧ "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." [Luke 10:28]
- ✧ This is in complete agreement with all the references to the Law and Life as demonstrated above.

Desire to justify oneself is very human

- ✧ But he, **wanting to justify himself**, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" [Luke 10:29]
 - ✧ How frequently we all fall into the snare of desiring to doubt the truth of the validity of the moral laws of God, seeking to make them impossible, we look for something more even when we really do know the answer.

Jesus gave the illustration of the Good Samaritan

- ✧ Jesus told the story of the Jewish man who fell victim to the thieves and the religious Jews passed him by, but the hated foreigner, the Samaritan, stopped and rendered aid. [Luke 10:30-35]
- ✧ Again Jesus asked the lawyer for his take on the story. [Luke 10:36]
- ✧ The lawyer identified the Samaritan as the one who actually fulfilled the role of the neighbor. [Luke 10:37]
- ✧ Jesus confirmed his choice and concluded, "Go and do likewise." [Luke 10:37]

✧ The question was Eternal Life.

✧ The answer was found in the heart and spirit of the Law of righteousness.

- ✧ The Moral Law simply defines godly righteousness, and is forever holy and valid. [Matthew 5:18, Luke 16:17]

✧ The lawyer demonstrated that he knew the truth, but the exchange demonstrated he did not want to do what he knew to be true, but preferred to challenge Jesus on the subject.

- ✧ So often men today do exactly the same in this humanistic society.
- ✧ To reject the truth they know, might cost them their part of Eternal Life, and place them in jeopardy of the Wrath of God. [Romans 1:18-32]