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The Good Samaritan

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

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.”

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

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.”

- Who is the Lawyer?
 - The Lawyer is a scholar and teacher of the Law

- They were some of the very stringent people who lived and preached according to the letter of the law
- "Stood up and tested Him"
 - He had bad intentions
- What shall I do to inherit eternal life?
 - This is the most important question one should ask
 - The rich man also asked this question
 - The Pharisees had different answers for this... different schools of thought. This lawyer wants to know which school of thought the Lord Jesus is subscribed to and will teach. In this way, he can go and say "this teacher follows rabbi x"
- What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?
 - What is YOUR reading of it
 - If it's just "what is written" then he will just say what he has memorized... but the Lord wants to know what he understands
 - HOW are you reading it?
 - Are you reading it with a humble spirit?
 - Are you reading with open ears to hear the Lord speak to you?
 - Are you reading it with a prideful spirit?
 - Are you reading to find mistakes?
 - The man doesn't answer the question but answers "what is written in the law"
- The Ten Commandments
 - He responds with what we find in Deuteronomy 6 and in Leviticus
 - Love the Lord your God (first tablet with four commandments)
 - Love your neighbor as yourself (second tablet with six commandments)
 - Do this and you will live
 - Despite the fact that he is testing Him, He tells him that he has answered correctly and he will have eternal life if he does it.
 - This is all that's needed to inherit eternal life
 - This doesn't get rid of or even discount Baptism, Confirmation, Repentance and Eucharist of course
 - But in the course of daily life: Love God, and love your neighbor as yourself
- Do this and you will live
 - The man knew the law but didn't do it
 - Love the Lord your God with ALL your heart, ALL your soul, ALL your strength, ALL your mind
 - We all love God... but who of us has reached the word "ALL"
 - With ALL my heart
 - The lawyer's heart was full of pride and testing and legalism
 - With ALL my strength
 - Tiring for the Lord day and night
 - With ALL my mind
 - Having the Lord on my mind in every thought
 - Love your neighbor AS YOURSELF
 - We all love our neighbors... but who of us has reached the word "AS YOURSELF"

- The Lord is helping him to see that even though he knows the Law, he is not doing it.
 - We attend Bible Study and read and study and focus on the sermons and lessons and we can answer all the questions. Even if we go to heaven and the Lord asks us a question, we'll be able to answer... but are we practicing? Are we doing? Or are we just learning?
 - We memorize verses, but do we do them?
 - The Lord will ask us "Did you practice what you preach? Did you practice what you learned?"
- He wanted to be justified
 - He didn't want to go and obey the commandment
 - He didn't want to do more work
 - He wanted to be justified that he was already doing the commandments
 - There are some who want to know the truth and do it... but some who just want to feel or know that they are right
 - Some come to a sermon and want to hear what they need to do or how they can grow
 - Some others want to hear all the things they are doing right and be justified
 - Sermon about giving, and he doesn't give, he won't listen to the sermon or he won't go
 - Sermon about anger or reconciliation, and he's angry at someone, then he tunes out the sermon
- The Lawyer had two good qualities
 - He is asking about eternal life - this is something that pleases God
 - He has studied the Scriptures and has the Law memorized
 - He's not perfect as he intends to test the Lord, but he has good qualities
- Who is my neighbor?
 - Again, he wants to test the Lord
 - Different Pharisees had different teachings for your neighbor...
 - For some it was immediate family.
 - For some it was family and friends.
 - For some it was those who lived near you.
 - For some it was your tribe or city.
 - The most that any Pharisee would preach is that your neighbor is your fellow Jew.
- The Good Samaritan
 - This story is only in the Gospel of Luke
 - Literal Interpretation
 - A Jewish man is going from Jerusalem to Jericho and he is robbed and attacked and left for dead.
 - A priest walks by and sees him and does nothing, continues to walk by
 - A Levite walks by and sees him and does nothing, continues to walk by (Levite is like a deacon)
 - A Samaritan walks by and sees him and mends his wounds and clothes him and takes him to an inn on his own dime and even offered to pay as much as was needed for him.
 - The Samaritans were hated by the Jews

- The Jews did not consider Samaritans to be Jewish. They were enemies. They cursed each other. And even sometimes if you wanted to curse someone you would call them a Samaritan.
- "Then the Jews answered and said to Him, 'Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?'" (John 8:48)
- Who was his neighbor?
 - The Samaritan who wasn't from his religion, or his nation, or his language, or his family, and whose family hates his family.
 - If the Jew had been awake he would have cursed the Samaritan.
- Moral Interpretation
 - We are called to love all people - and not a superficial love, but a love of servitude and effort
 - The Good Samaritan
 - The Samaritan had other things to do... he wasn't aimlessly walking
 - This would cost him a lot
 - He would have to walk since the Jew would be on his animal
 - He would pay at the inn
 - He would promise the owner of the inn that he would pay any additional expenses
 - He used his own oil and wine
 - The Samaritan would lose time and money and effort
 - Sometimes we go as far as to "feel bad" for someone like the priest or Levite... but not further
 - "dang that sucks"
 - "I'm sorry to hear that"
 - "That's so sad"
 - Someone else may offer love and companionship and help him get up... but to take him to a hotel? To pay for him? Not so...
 - Someone else may have red tape around their love...
 - If he's from my nation or my religion
 - I'll help him as long as it doesn't affect me
 - I'll help him and love him but I can't pay for him
 - The Lord is asking us for a full and complete love for all people
- Allegorical Interpretation
 - The injured Jew is Adam who was going from Jerusalem (paradise) to Jericho (the world)
 - Jerusalem means "city of peace" which was the city of the King - the city of God
 - Going from Jerusalem means getting further from God
 - What happens when we get further from God? We become easy targets for the devil!
 - The robbers are devils
 - Stripped him
 - Most robbers would wound first, and then would strip him to steal his clothes and items... but these robbers stripped him first.

- Since the day of our baptism, we have a vestment of righteousness clothing us. The Devil wants to remove it from us and strip us of it. To make you naked of the righteousness of baptism and Myron... and from there, they can wound you as they like
- Adam, when he fell, was naked... but the Fathers say that he was clothed in grace and in righteousness. But when he sinned, he felt naked because his garment of righteousness was removed.
- Wounded him
 - Sins and vices
- Left him for dead
 - Someone who is far from the Lord - we don't know if he's dead or alive...
- The Priest is the Law
 - The Law that would judge that "this person is dying" but could not save
 - God had sent the Law for the people to follow it and adjust themselves... but instead it became a judge for them because no one could do it.
- The Levite is the Prophets
 - The Prophets who came to preach to the people to "get up!" but could not help them get up
- The Samaritan is the Lord Jesus Christ
 - Christ who took our place on the Cross and in wounds and sufferings. We sinned and He took our place.
 - When God looks at us in the midst of sin and in the sufferings of this life, He doesn't say "they deserve it" but He has compassion
 - He went to him = He came from heaven to earth
 - Bandaged his wounds = As the True Physician
 - Oil comforts and Wine purifies
 - Sometimes God sends us oil: Someone to comfort us
 - Sometimes God sends us wine: Something that will hurt, but will be good for us
 - Sometimes God will send us both
 - The animal usually symbolizes flesh - putting him on his animal symbolizes that He gave us His flesh in the Eucharist. He took what is ours and gave us what is His.
- The Inn is the Church
 - The Innkeeper is the Shepherds of the Church - the Bishops and Priests
 - The Two Denarii are the Old and New Testament; or they are the two commandments: Love of God and the Love of Man
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- The Samaritan promises to return as the Savior's Second Coming
 - I will repay you - this is the promise to those who are serving others
- Go and do likewise
 - Let us be transformed from the legalism of the lawyer to the spirit of love of the Good Samaritan

Mary and Martha Worship and Serve

³⁸ Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

⁴¹ And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. ⁴² But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

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Luke 11

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The Lord's Prayer

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¹ Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”

² So He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as *it is* in heaven.

³ Give us day by day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.”

- Mary and Martha
 - In the last chapter, the Lord visited the house of Mary and Martha and He venerated Mary for "choosing the good part" and told Martha that "one thing is needed"
 - The good part is the live with the Lord through prayer, bible, fasting
 - This chapter starts with prayer
- He was praying
 - St Luke's gospel has as one of its themes, prayer
 - Why would Jesus pray? Isn't He God? He doesn't need prayer..
 - He took flesh and was incarnate and His humanity is 100%
 - He is showing us the complete humanity - just as we have physical needs like eating and drinking and sleeping, we also have spiritual needs like prayer
- Teach us to pray
 - Prayer wasn't foreign to them - the Jews had prayers
 - They saw something different in how He prayed, and asked Him to teach them to pray

- It is a good request for us to make of the Lord - teach us to pray, give us focus in prayer, give us the spirit of prayer, give us time to pray, give us words in prayer
- The disciples lived a life of discipleship - they saw Him praying and wanted to do/be like Him
- Discipleship is the foundation of all Christianity...
 - instead of telling someone to pray, let them see you pray... then they will ask you "how do you pray?"
 - instead of telling someone to love, let them see you love... then they will ask "how do you love?"
 - First live, then ask
- When you pray
 - Not "if you pray" - because we WILL pray A LOT
- The Lord's Prayer
 - This prayer is going to be the curriculum or template for all future prayers
 - It's a prayer that is pleasing to God
 - A prayer given to us directly by the Lord
- Our Father
 - It's a new thing for the Jews
 - In the Old Testament, the idea of God as Father is present:
 - "The Lord has spoken: 'I have nourished and brought up children, And they have rebelled against Me;'" (Isaiah 1:2)
 - "A son honors his father, And a servant his master. If then I am the Father, Where is My honor?" (Malachi 1:6)
 - But the Jews never called God "Father" - but rather "Great God" - "Almighty" - etc.
 - Christian worship is not based on being afraid of God, but on love for God
 - A servant doesn't talk to his master unless he needs something... but a son goes and speaks with his father even if he doesn't need anything.
 - In prayer, you are speaking to your Father, not a stranger
 - Scared? Tell Him!
 - Need something? Tell Him!
 - Worried? Tell Him!
 - I don't need to know everything about my dad to know that he loves me or to talk to him
 - Even if you don't know anything in Theology or the Bible or Hymns or anything... God is still Your Father! You can still say this prayer! You can still speak to Him. He can still speak to you.
- Our Father in heaven
 - The Lord came to earth so that we could go to heaven
 - Every time we say "Our Father in heaven" we remind ourselves that we are not from here nor will we be here long... it raises us to a heavenly state.
 - Even if praying alone, we still say it in plural: "Our Father in heaven" no one says "My Father in heaven" - the Lord didn't teach it to us this way. He taught it to us in the plural as a Church, even if we are praying alone
- Hallowed be Your name
 - Half of the prayer is "Your" to God - "Hallowed be Your name" - "Your kingdom come" - "Your will be done"

- The other half is "Us" - "Give us this day..." - "Forgive us..." - "As we forgive..." - "Lead us not into temptation..." - "Deliver us..."
- Hallowed be Your name is a prayer for the whole world to know the holiness of His name - "I wish that everyone would know You"
- It's a prayer for myself, who carry His name on myself - "Christian", but I don't hallow it. It's a prayer to ask God to make me holy so that I can carry His name.
- Your Kingdom Come
 - The Kingdom of God is within you
 - The Kingdom of God is in the Church
 - The Kingdom of God is in eternal life and fellowship with God
- Your will be done
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- We added "In Christ Jesus our Lord"
 - Some say "well how can you add to the Lord's prayer?!" - but of course it's not a wrong thing to add
 - The Lord told us to ask anything in His name (John 14 and John 16)

A Friend Comes at Midnight

47:20

⁵ And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; ⁶ for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? ⁸ I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

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Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking

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⁹ "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he* asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

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