## PARABLES OF JESUS



# Luke 10:25-37

- The parable of the good Samaritan teaches us important lessons about how we should treat other people.
- The story is told in response to a question.
- A lawyer (trying to test Jesus) questioned the Lord about eternal life.
- "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life" (Luke 10:25).



- The word "tempted" means "to test thoroughly."
- The word could be referring to the lawyer trying to trap Jesus or test His knowledge of God's word.

- This question asked by the lawyer is the most important question that anyone could ever ask.
- Jesus responded by turning the tables. He asked the lawyer, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?"
- The man answered, "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."



- His answer is a correct summary of the Ten Commandments.
- See Deuteronomy 6:5; 11:13; Leviticus 19:18.
- This is, in fact, the same answer that Jesus Himself gave to another lawyer on another occasion (Mark 12:29-33).



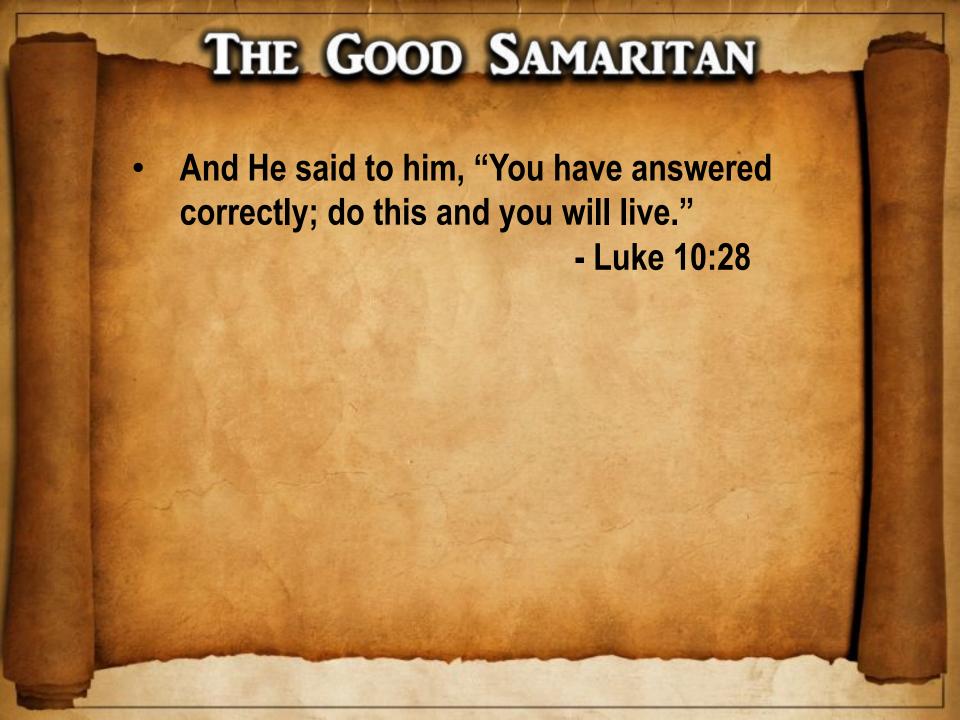
- The lawyer answered the question correctly.
- But Jesus knew that he did not love his neighbor as he should.
- This is exactly why the lawyer asked, "And who is my neighbor?"







- Lawyers in first century Israel were not like we tend to think of them today.
- They were experts in the Law of Moses.
- Few people were more skilled in the Law than lawyers!

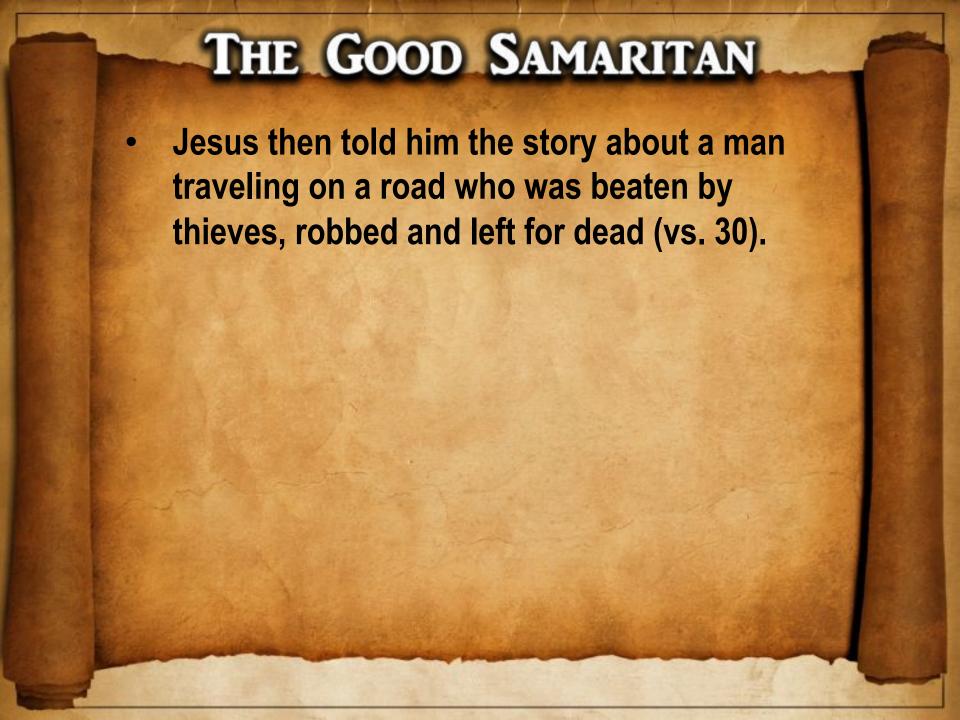


 And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

- Luke 10:28

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

- Luke 10:29





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- But a Samaritan came along and did help the man (vss. 33-35).







- The Samaritans were hated by Jews!
- (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)
  John 4:9
- Yet, the Samaritan is the only person who helped the Jewish man on the road!



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 And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

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- We need to do more than just study God's word (Luke 10:37)!

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