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Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Subject: The Good Samaritan

God loves us, Christ died for us. We are all sinners who need the Saviour. “[Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners](#)”(1 Tim 1:15).

We read of a certain lawyer who set himself against God, a certain man who put himself in the place of danger, a certain priest who ignored a desperate need and a certain Samaritan who put himself in the place of the Saviour.

The lawyer came to the right person and asked a good question. A question similar to what Paul was asked when he could reply “[Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved](#)”(Acts 16:31). The lawyer however, was not asking genuinely. He was trying to tempt the Lord and make Him fall. He does not acknowledge the Lordship of Christ. Later on in the Bible we read “[If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus \(or “Jesus as Lord”\) and believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from the dead thou shalt be saved](#)”(Rom 10:9)

“[What shall I do?](#)” The question sounds good but he wanted to do something. You do not get salvation on merit. “[By grace are ye saved through faith, it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast](#)” (Eph 2:8), “[not by deeds of righteousness that we have done](#)” (Titus 3:5), “[Once in the end of the age has He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself](#)” (Heb 9:26). It has all been done. To be saved you need to trust the one who has done all on Calvary.

You need to make the conscious decision that you are a sinner and need salvation because of what you are and what you have done.

The Lord Jesus met the lawyer on his own ground, “[Thou shalt love the Lord thy God...](#)” He was a man who would have been schooled in the scriptures. The Lord Jesus commended him for what he had said. The Lord Jesus told him to do it so as to prick his conscience. The lawyer should have realised that he could not attain to it.

The man in the story went on the road from “[Jerusalem to Jericho](#)”, it was a downward journey.

“[narrow way leads to life and few there be who find it](#)” (Matt 7:14). There is no safety in numbers.

The man could do nothing to help himself and this would remind us that the sinner is “[dead in trespasses and sins](#)” (Eph 2:1).

The Saviour is someone you need to do something for you that you cannot do yourself.

The certain priest was first on the scene but withdrew himself from the place of need. There is no salvation in religion. “[Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under heaven, given among men whereby ye must be saved](#)” (Acts 4:12). “[Ye must be born again](#)” (John 3:7).

The Samaritan came to where the man was. This would remind us, “[the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world](#)”, “[When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son](#)”, (Isa 7:14, Isa 9:6).

The Samaritan paid the price, he paid all that was needed. What a price the Lord Jesus paid at

Calvary. “sink in deep mire where there is no standing” (Psalm 69:1) “All My bones are bone out of joint” (Psalm 22:14) “Lord laid on Him iniquity of us all” (Isa 53:6). He was willing to pay the price. He was the only one able to pay the price.

“The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”(Rom 6:23).

He made the promise, “if I go, I will come again”(John 14:3). He could go on to say “I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me” (John 14:6).

Only decisions made in time will last for eternity.

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, He that believeth not” (John 3:36)

Mat 11:28

1 Cor 15:3