

The Good Samaritan
Pastor Mark Wilks, LUKE 10:25-37

1. The Ultimate question.

- The lawyer wrongly assumes he is doing this or doesn't want to face the truth.
- For the Jew, a neighbor is someone who does good things for you.
- The lawyer want's something that at least can be calculated.

2. The Ultimate response/parable.

- The difference between the three: only one had compassion.
- The Samaritan's compassion compelled him to action.
- This parallels God's love for broken humanity.

3. The Ultimate allegory.

- An allegory is a story with symbolic fictional figures with corresponding truths.
- Jesus is the ultimate Good Samaritan! Only he can save us.
- This parable is meant to alter our behavior; but, the key is we cannot live up to this standard.

Application:

- 1) Be real: We don't love God as commanded. We are the broken man.
- 2) A neighbor is anyone God puts in my path.
- 3) The only true and perfect Samaritan is Jesus.

Augustine interpretation of the parable of the Good Samaritan:

A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho = Adam

Jerusalem = the heavenly city of peace, from which Adam fell

Jericho = the moon, and thereby signifies Adam's mortality

robbers = the devil and his angels

stripped him = of his immortality

beat him = by persuading him to sin

leaving him half dead = as a man he lives, but he died spiritually; therefore he is half dead

the priest and Levite = the priesthood and ministry of the Old Testament

the Samaritan = is said to mean Guardian; therefore Christ himself is meant

bandaged his wounds = binding the restraint of sin

oil = comfort of good hope

wine = exhortation to work with a fervent spirit

donkey ("beast") = the flesh of Christ's incarnation

inn = the church

the next day = after the Resurrection

two silver coins = promise of this life and the life to come

innkeeper = Paul¹

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