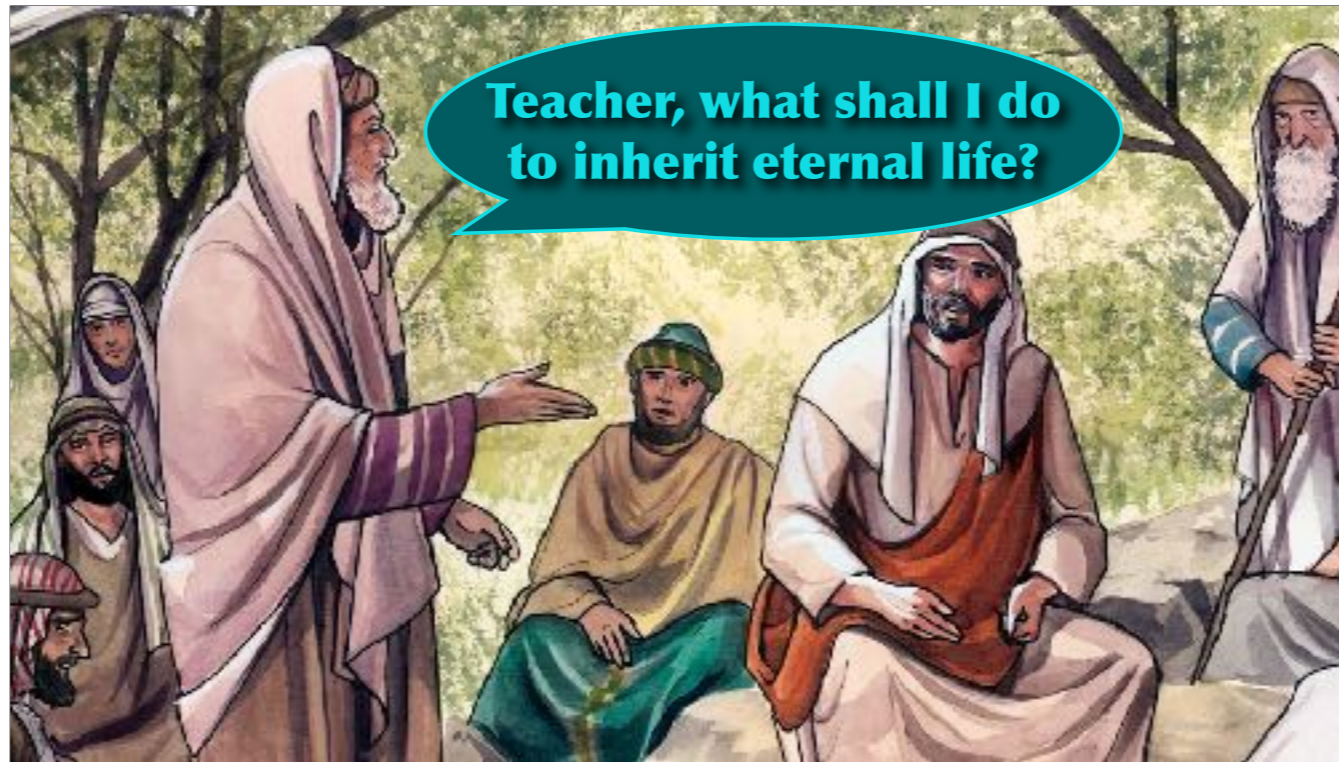


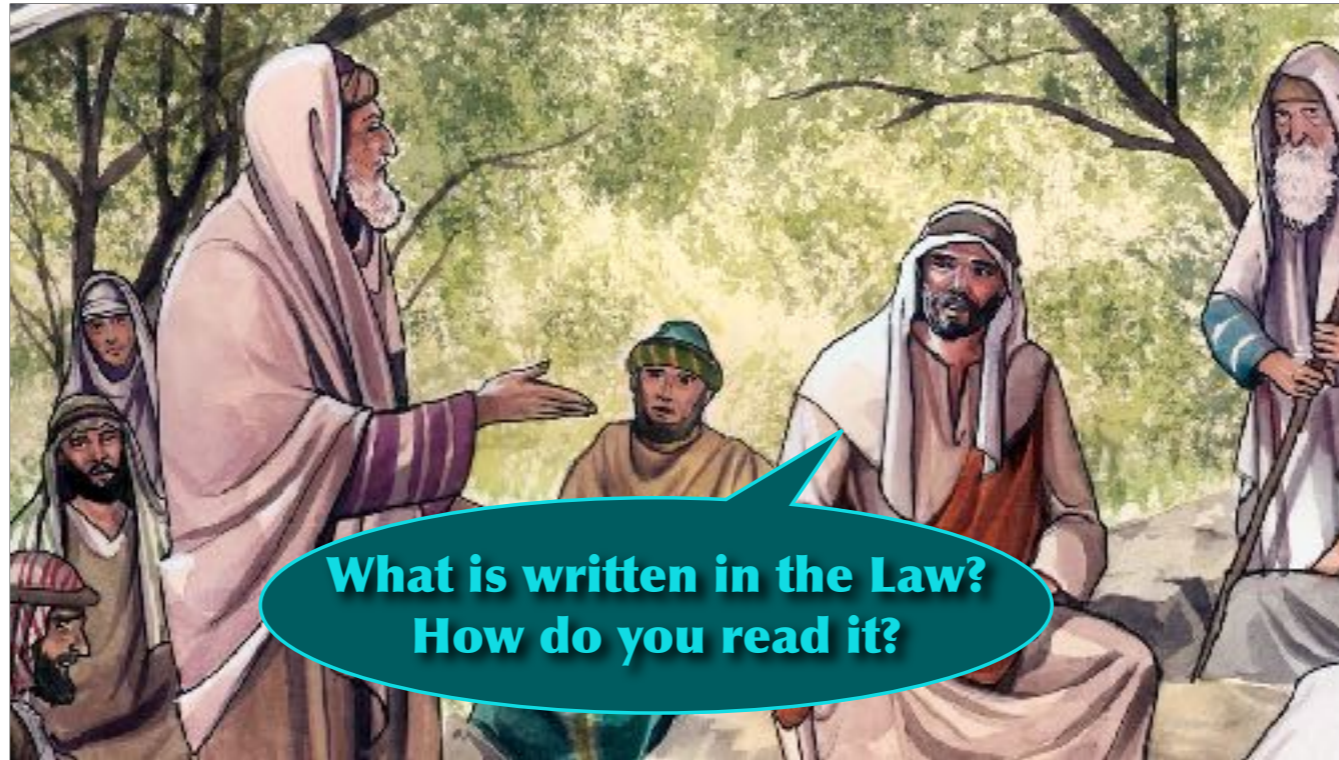
**Eternal Life
&
My Neighbor**



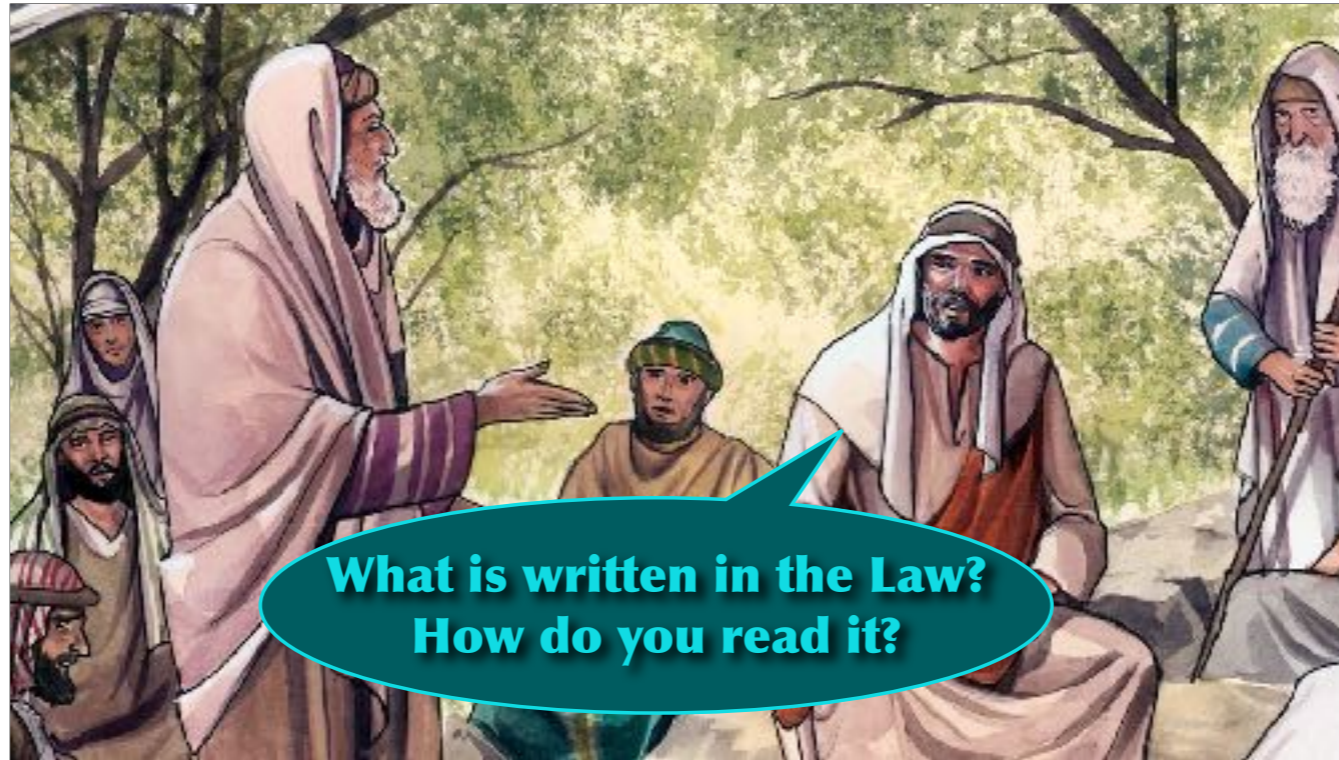
Luke 10:29-37



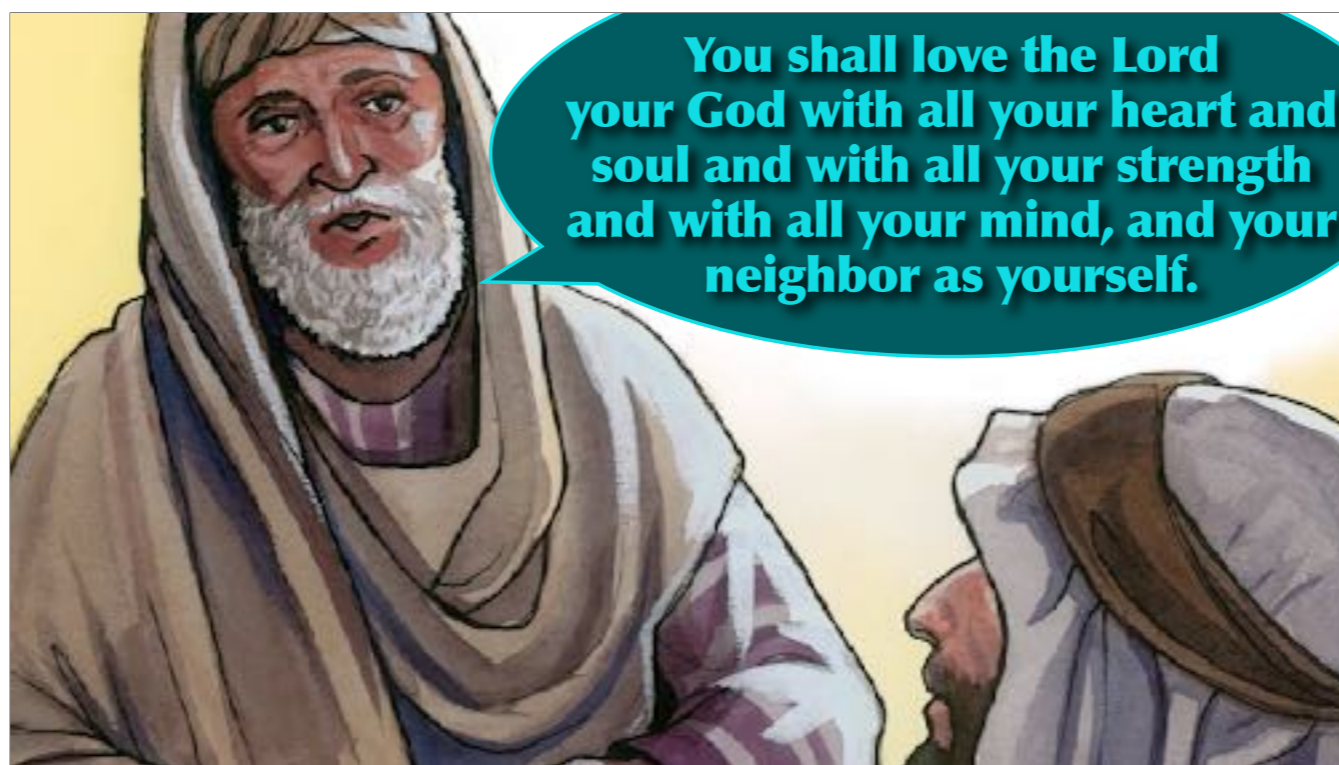
- Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?
- Important question ...
 - Do you think about eternal life very often?
 - Do you wonder about how you could have eternal life?



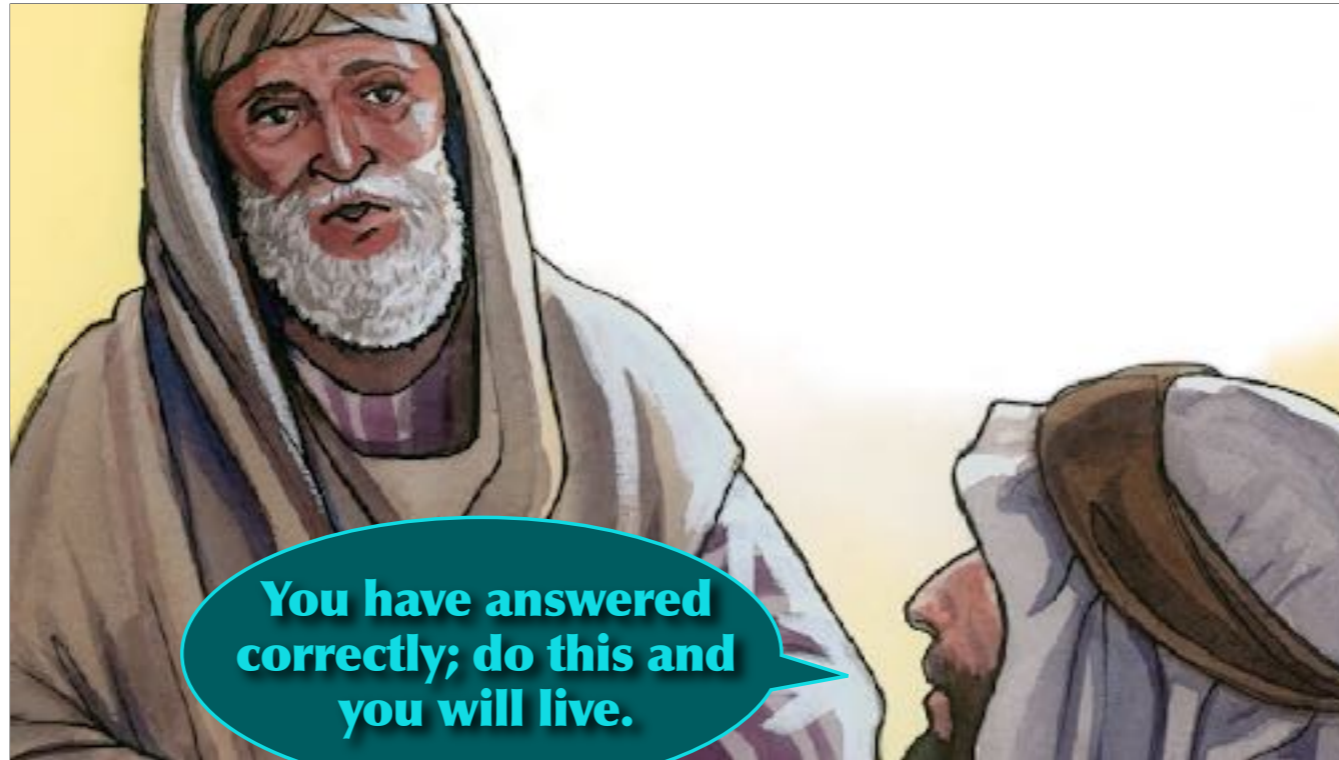
- What is written in the law? How do you read it?
- When considering eternal life it's vital to go to the right source of information.
 - There so many answers out there. Traditional, Ancient, New
- This lawyer came to the teacher!
 - The Christ, the son of God, the giver of the Law.
 - John 5:39-40 (ESV) 39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.



- But Jesus points him to what has already been revealed!
 - God had already revealed what was to be done to inherit eternal life in his law.
 - And through Jesus, that is still true!
 - Ephesians 1:7-10 (ESV) 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.



- Luke 10:27 (ESV) 27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."



- Luke 10:28 And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”



- Luke 10:29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”
- To us this sounds like a silly question.
 - The Jews at the time of Jesus had some very specific ideas about who was and who was not a neighbor.
 - Matthew 5:43 (ESV) 43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’



- Luke 9:51-56 (ESV) 51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. 53 But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54 And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" 55 But he turned and rebuked them. 56 And they went on to another village.



- How trying to justify himself?
 - Who am I required to treat with love?
 - Who do I not have to take care of?
 - Who am I responsible to help and who am I not responsible to help?



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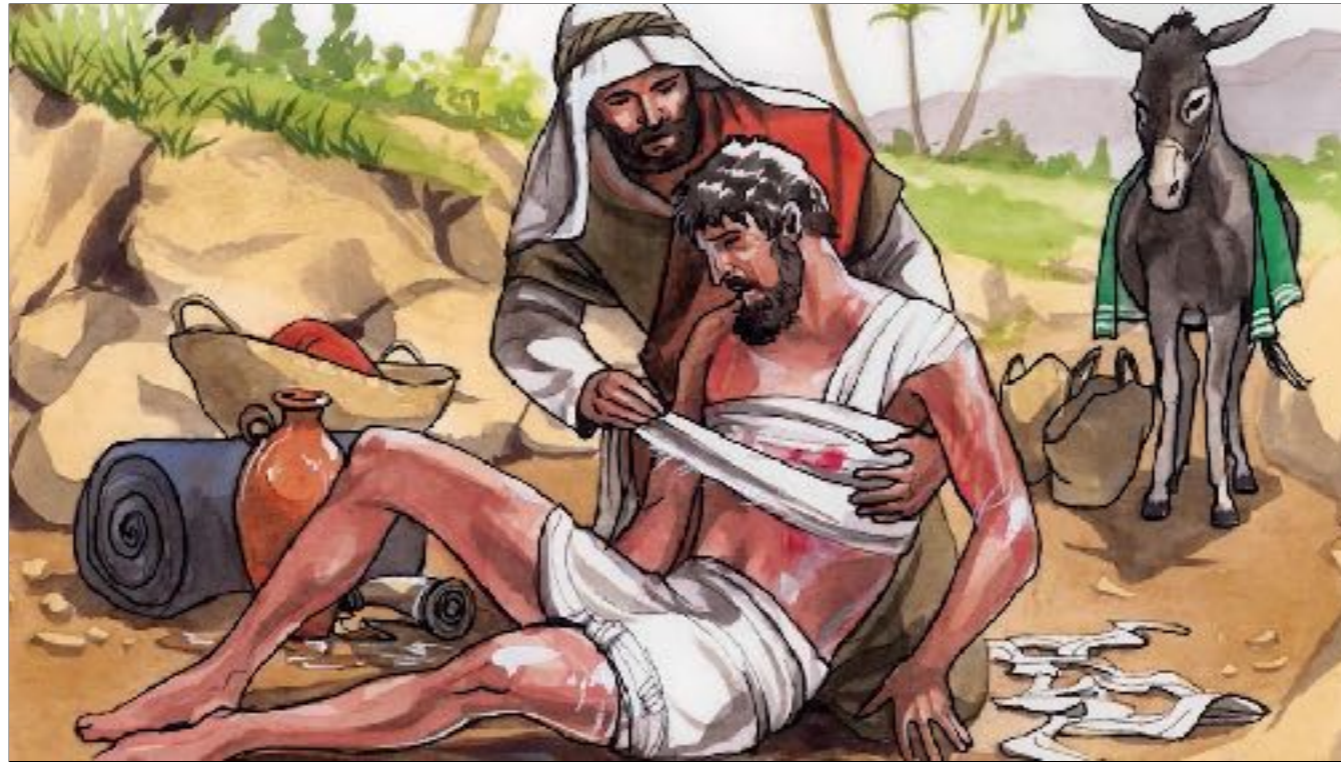


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- 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.



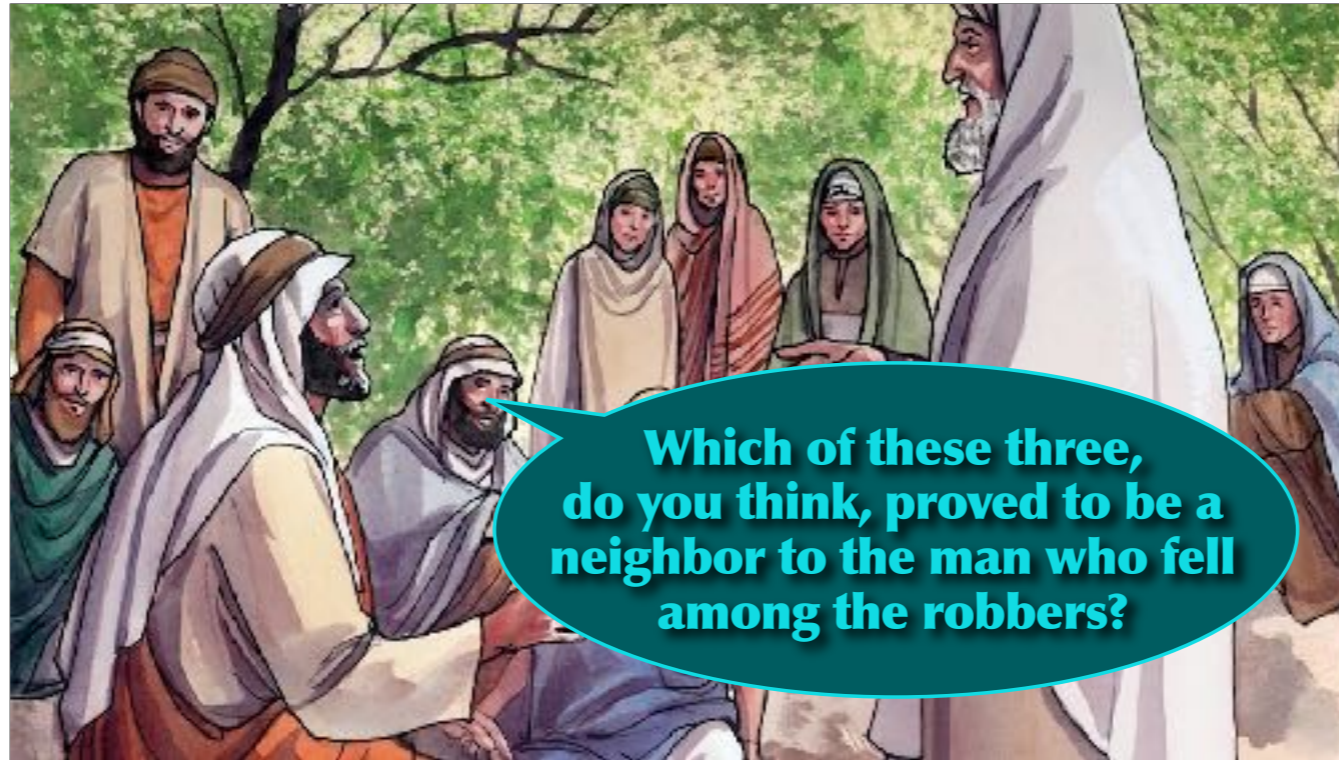
- 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine.



- Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.



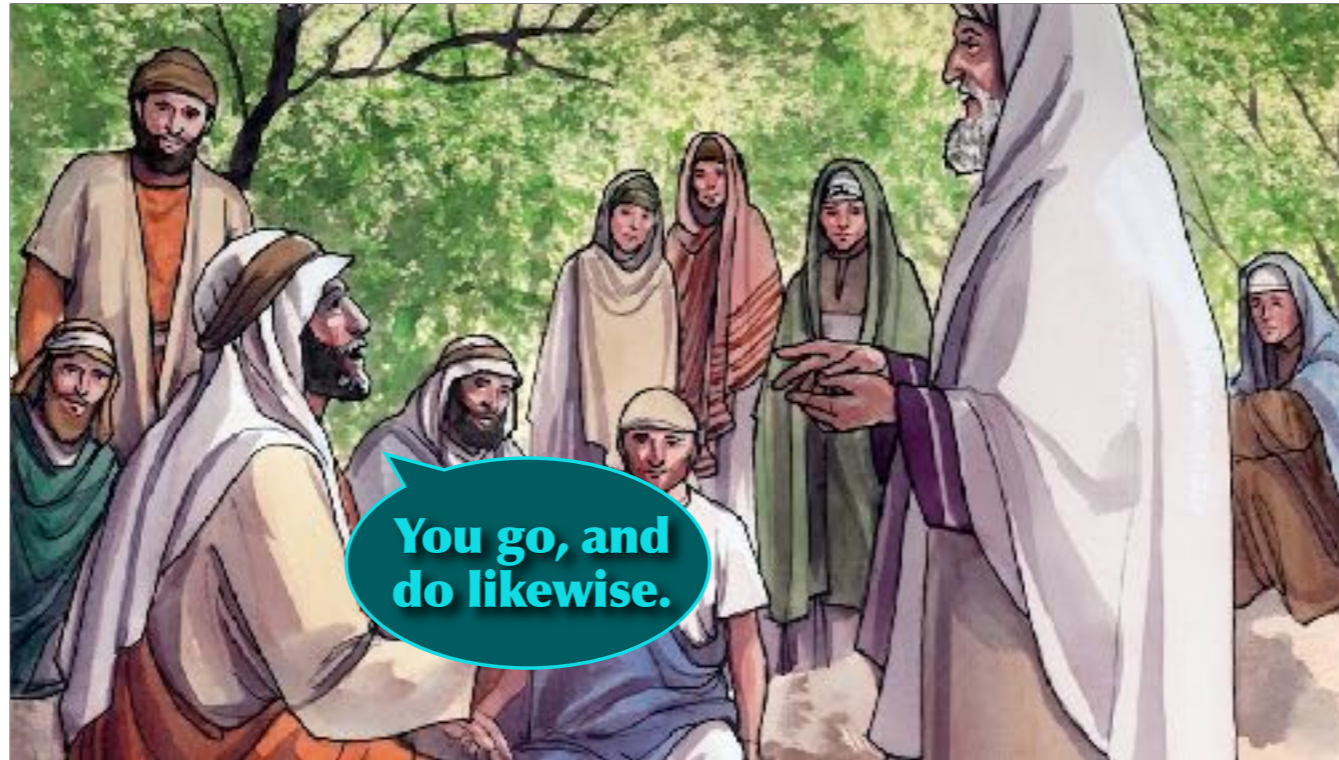
- 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'



- 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?"



- 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy."



- And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."



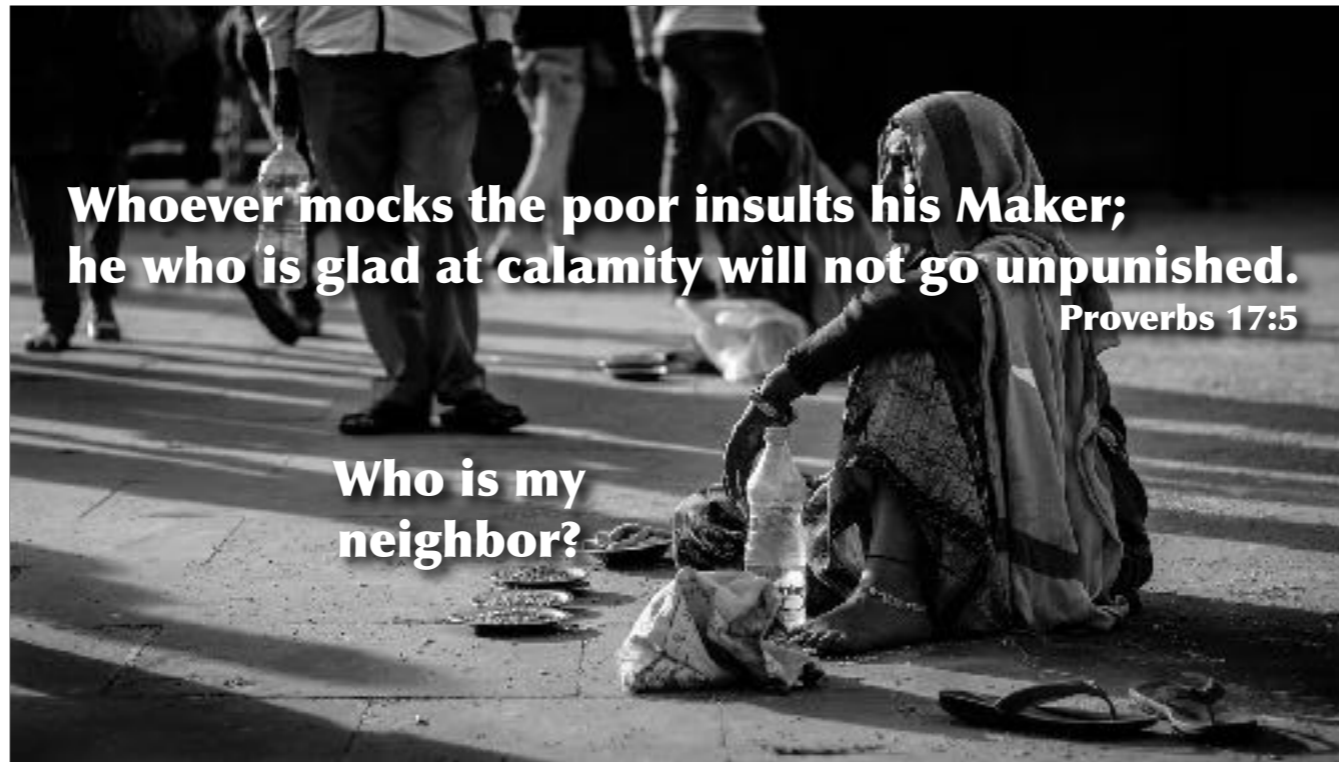
- Who is my neighbor?
 - It's not about proximity.
 - It's not about nationality.
 - It's not about religious affiliation (Jews).



- Jesus actually turns the question around on the lawyer.
 - Instead of looking at others and saying “Is this my neighbor? (and if so what is my responsibility?)”,
 - He teaches us to look at all others and ask “How can I be a neighbor to this person?”
 - emphasis on “I”
 - This is a profound way of thinking about neighbors!
- How do I actually implement this change in how I think of what it means to love my neighbor as myself?



- Relearning to see (I'm going to overemphasize one aspect ... but there are many more)
 - Proverbs 14:21 Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.



- Proverbs 17:5 Whoever mocks the poor insults his Maker; he who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.



- Proverbs 19:17 Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.



- Proverbs 21:13 Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.



**Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed,
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Proverbs 22:9

**Who is my
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- Proverbs 28:27 Whoever gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse.



- Proverbs 31:20 (ESV) 20 She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.



If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.

Matthew 19:21

Who is my neighbor?

- Matthew 19:21 (ESV) 21 Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”



- Matthew 26:11 (ESV) 11 For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.



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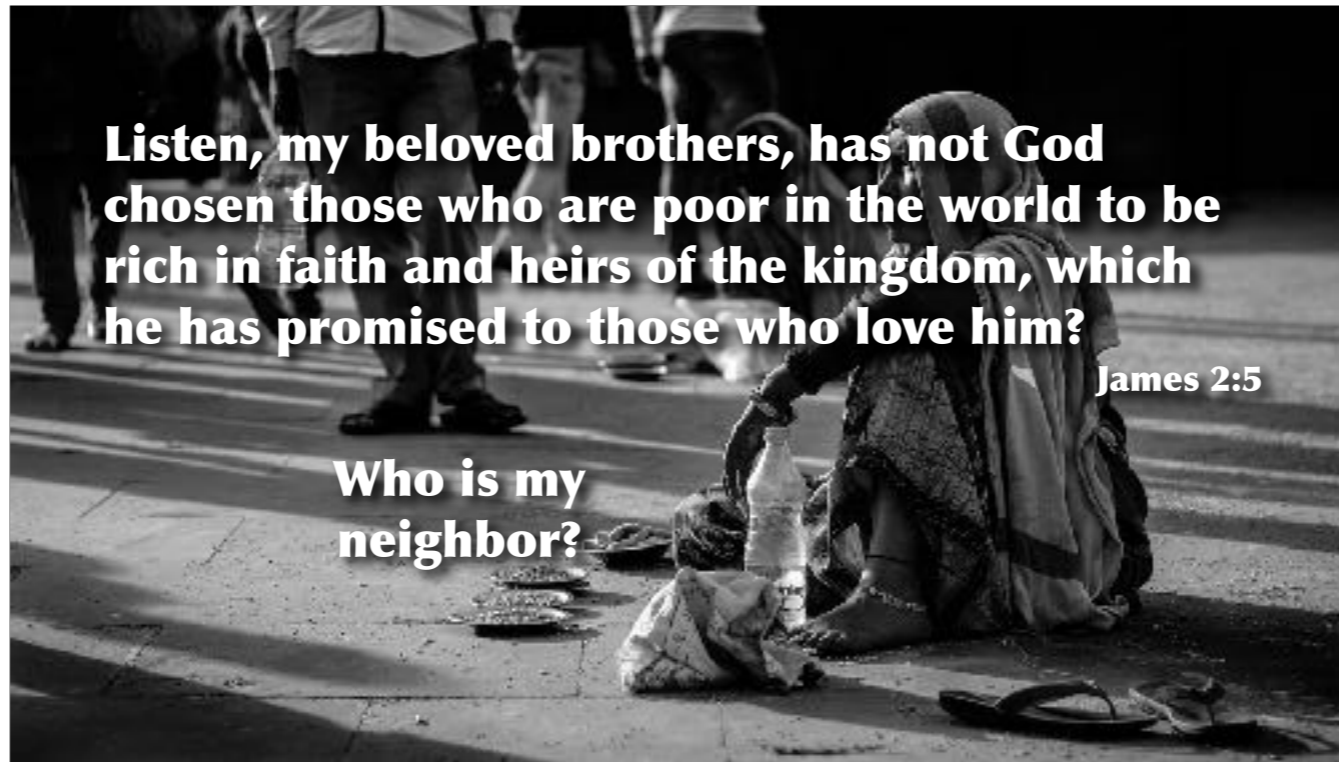
Acts 20:35

Who is my neighbor?

- Acts 20:35 (ESV)
- 35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'



- Galatians 2:10 (ESV) 10 Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.



**Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God
chosen those who are poor in the world to be
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James 2:5

**Who is my
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- James 2:5 (ESV) 5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?



- Compassion
 - We must learn to be moved by our compassion as the Samaritan was.



- Show Mercy
 - Priest and Levite
 - Why didn't they stop?
 - Disdain for the wounded man?
 - Apathy?
 - Desire to not become unclean?
 - assumed he was dead?
 - blood?
 - On an important task, or urgent religious work?
 - Considered himself too important?
 - Not my job?
 - What did they DO to be a neighbor? Nothing.



- Saw
 - had compassion
- Went to Him
 - bound up wounds
 - pouring oil and wine
- Put on Animal (didn't leave him)
 - brought to inn
- took CARE of him.
- Innkeeper
 - paid to care for him
 - repay any extra.
- What did he do to be a neighbor? Showed Mercy



- Warnings from Levite and Priest
 - compassion without action
 - excuses:
 - too busy (even “religious” busy)
 - too important
 - judging the one in need: undeserving of our compassion and mercy.
- I’m not advocating being financially irresponsible.
 - I am advocating loving our neighbors.



- Last point
- There's a clear connection drawn in this passage between eternal life (my salvation) and loving God and loving my neighbor.
- Sometimes we've talked about some things in the Bible being "matters of salvation"
 - usually we mean things like the necessity of believing that Jesus is the Christ the son of God
 - repentance
 - Baptism
- Loving my neighbor ...
 - is a matter of salvation
 - You go and do likewise!

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”