

Good News of Salvation in the Saviour’s Parables

This week – We continue our series of lessons based on some Parables of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*The Good Samaritan said,  
 “Take care of him; and whatsoever thou  
 spendest more, when I come again,  
 I will repay thee”. Luke 10v35.*

**Bible Readings for this week:**

Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Luke 10v25-37 (Great care from a perceived enemy)	
Monday	Isaiah 53v1-12 (Isaiah foretold Christ’s experience)	
Tuesday	John 8v1-11 (The Pharisees seek to discredit Christ)	
Wednesday	John 8v12-27 (Lack of spiritual understanding)	
Thursday	John 8v28-47 (Pharisees are not spiritual Jews)	
Friday	John 8v48-59 (Pharisees call Christ a ‘Samaritan’)	
Saturday	Romans 5v1-21 (Enemies, Yet Christ died to save us)	

**Important Thought for us Today:** Consider the self-righteous Jewish lawyer who questioned the Lord. He thought himself to be perfect in God’s sight. The Lord shows us that He knows our hearts – as to whether we are sincere believing Christians or not. How can we know that we are a true believer, accepted by God? **The answer is that it is all in the heart.** Are we humble and selfless? Are we teachable – accepting and responding to Bible truth? Are we convinced in our hearts that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, the Saviour Who died on Calvary to save sinners? Do we see ourselves as a sinner? Do we have a deep concern about our guilty burden of sin which separates us from God? Have we come to Him in sincere repentance and faith? Has the Lord changed our hearts to love, obey and serve Him? Are we accepted by God in, and through, Jesus Christ? If we cannot honestly answer yes to these questions, then we must examine our hearts and come to the Lord seeking His help and forgiveness. **He will graciously meet us in our great need.**

**Hymn 219 speaks of God’s wonderful plan of salvation offered to us in the Gospel:**

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| 1. I will sing the wondrous story<br>Of the Christ Who died for me;<br>How He left His home in glory,<br>For the cross on Calvary.<br>I was lost: but Jesus found me -<br>Found the sheep that went astray;<br>Threw His loving arms around me,<br>Drew me back into His way. | 2. I was bruised; but Jesus healed me -<br>Faint was I from many a fall;<br>Sight was gone, and fears possessed me:<br>But He freed me from them all.<br>Days of darkness still come o’er me;<br>Sorrow’s paths I often tread:<br>But the Saviour still is with me,<br>By His hand I’m safely led. |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

*This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.*

## The Good Samaritan

- **Historic Background to this Parable and Who the People Represent:**
  - After King Solomon died Israel split off into two – Judah and Israel (Samaria). The Samaritans were half-Jew, half-Gentile who lived in Israel, in the north. The southern tribes (Judah) claimed to be pure Jews - hating the Samaritans.
  - **The Injured Jew** – Sinners like us, attacked by sin and Satan – left for dead.
  - **Those Who Passed By** – All things unable to offer spiritual help to our souls.
  - **The Good Samaritan** – The Caring Saviour, Jesus Christ - despised by many.
- **The Lord Jesus was Asked a Trick Question by a Jewish Lawyer.**
  - **Lawyer** - ‘What must I do to inherit Eternal Life?’ He was testing the Lord.
  - **The Lord** – ‘Keep all the 10 Commandments, including loving thy neighbour’.
  - **Lawyer** – Proudly feeling he kept them all, asks, ‘But who is my neighbour?’
  - **The Lord** – Knowing his proud heart, answered with this challenging parable.
- **The Parable – Several People on The Dangerous Journey to Jericho.**
  - **The Jew** – Attacked by thieves - who robbed him and left him half dead.
  - **The Levi and The Pharisee** – Ignore him, passing quickly by on the other side.
  - **The Samaritan** – Showing great compassion, stopped to bind up his wounds. He took him to an inn, paying for his keep, promising to pay **all the debt.**
- **The Lord is Teaching Us that We are on The Dangerous Journey of Life.**
  - **Attacked** – This world overwhelms our souls with lies, hatred, pride & filth.
  - **No Help** – For us from formal religion, wealth, worldly entertainment, sport, drink, drugs, or any other distraction which steals our time and attention.
  - **An ‘Enemy’** – The only One to help is Jesus Christ - One we see as an ‘enemy’.
  - **Unexpected Help** – Dead in our natural, sinful, state - God comes to help us. Yet, **‘while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.’ Romans 5v6-10.** The Saviour came with great love to bind up our wounded souls. **Isaiah 53v5.**
  - **The Cost Covered** – On Calvary the Lord Jesus paid the full price of our sin. He renews our lives so that we can go safely on our life’s journey to Heaven.
- **We Need a New Attitude to The Saviour- One of Repentance and Faith**
  - **We have all heard the Gospel** – Are we as grateful as the rescued Jew was? After his recovery he showed appreciation to the Samaritan who saved him. **Consider** – Do we ungratefully shun the Saviour’s loving kindness to save us?
  - Avoid the proud self-righteousness of man-made religion which cannot save.
  - Trust the Lord, personally, with heartfelt thanks for forgiving and saving us, and then live our lives in obedience to Him, sharing His love with others.

Isaiah speaks of The Saviour, *‘He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.’* Isaiah 53v3.