

Luke 10:25-37 Wrong Thinking About Salvation

Self-styled Intellect and Pride - 10:25 *And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?*

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteous which we have done; but by his mercy He saved us. Cf. Eph. 2:8-9

Provocative Question Leads the Man Closer to Truth - 10:26 *He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?* Jesus turned the man to the Word of God!

Deut. 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Lev. 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

Seemingly Correct Answer and Challenge - 10:27-28 *And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.* The law was divided into two parts: our relationship to God and our relationship to man.

Matthew 22:35-40 ... Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The Hidden Problem of Humanism - 10:29 *But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?*

Man always wants human vindication and makes excuses for his failure.

The Illustration Shows His Failure - 10:30-35

Another Question to Stimulate His Thinking and Challenge Him in His Failure - 10:36 *Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?*

Jesus Knew the Man's Heart - 10:37 *And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.*

The fulfillment of the law would lead him to knowledge about himself and about the Lord.