









Jesus Storyteller: Timeless Truths from His Parables A Study of Luke

Lesson 4

Like a Good Neighbor

Luke 10:25-37

- I. Law and Lawyers
- II. Jewish Law Found in the Parable of the Good Samaritan
- III. Kingdom Law vs. Torah Law





Bible Study Prayer

Father, as we turn to the Bible, What we know not - teach us, What we have not - give us, What we are not - make us, For your Son's sake, Amen.





The Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37





Law & Lawyers





I. Law & Lawyers

Is the U.S.A. a nation which is governed by the Rule of Law?

Were the Israelites in Biblical times a nation governed by the Rule of Law?





I. Law & Lawyers

Why do we have laws here in America?

Why did the Israelites have laws in Biblical times?





I. Law & Lawyers

What is the purpose of lawyers in the U.S.A?

What was the purpose of lawyers in Biblical times within the nation of Israel?





I. Law & Lawyers

Lawyer
νομικός – nomikos – (nom-ik-os')
a lawyer, one learned in the Law,
one well-schooled in the Torah,
generally more expertise than a scribe

Scribe

γραμματεύς – grammateus – (gram-mat-yooce') a scribe, writer, proficient in the Jewish Law, a religious teacher





Jewish Law Found in the Parable of the Good Samaritan





II. Jewish Law Found in the Parable of the Good Samaritan

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 – Shema

- ⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one!
 ⁵ You shall love The LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.
- <u>Leviticus 19:18 Neighborly Love</u>
- 18...you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am The LORD.

Mark 12:28-34; Matthew 22:35-40





II. Jewish Law Found in the Parable of the Good Samaritan

<u>Leviticus 21:1-4 - Priests and dead people - No!</u>

- ¹ And The LORD said unto Moses: Speak unto the priests the sons of Aaron, and say unto them: There shall none defile himself for the dead among his people;
- ² except for his kin, that is near unto him, for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother;
- ³ and for his sister a virgin, that is near unto him, that hath had no husband, for her may he defile himself.
- ⁴ He shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to profane himself.





II. Jewish Law Found in the Parable of the Good Samaritan

Leviticus 19:16-18 - Neighborly Love Expanded

- ¹⁶ You shall not go up and down as a talebearer among your people; neither shall you stand idly by the blood of your <u>neighbor</u>: I am The LORD.

 ¹⁷ You shall not hate your brother in your heart; you may surely rebuke your <u>neighbor</u>, but do not bear sin because of him.
- 18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your <u>neighbor</u> as yourself: I am The LORD.





II. Jewish Law Found in the Parable of the Good Samaritan

Leviticus 19:16b – ...neither shall you stand idly by the blood of your <u>neighbor:</u>

ביקות נפש – pikuach nefesh

- saving a soul or saving a life -

the principle in Halacha (Jewish law) that the preservation of human life overrides virtually any other religious rule of Judaism.





Kingdom Law vs.
Torah Law





III. Kingdom Law vs. Torah Law

Matthew 5:17 – Jesus didn't come to abolish the law but to fulfill it

Galatians 3:18-27 – The Law was given to show us our sin, but Christ came to fulfill the law and its requirements so that we could be free to live as He commands us.





III. Kingdom Law vs. Torah Law

The lawyer's final response to Jesus was that the true neighbor was the one who didn't stand idly by as the man died.

Jesus' final word to the lawyer now comes to us –

Go and do likewise.







Prayer that Just Won't Quit Luke 11:5-13



