

## UPWARD THEN OUTWARD ~ Luke 10:25-37

→ Scripture Reading Matthew 22:32-40 & Mark 12:32-33

### INTRODUCTION

#### **SUMMARY OF ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS** (Matt. 22:35-40)

- to Love GOD with Your WHOLE Being
- to Love your NEIGHBOR AS yourself

#### **TEN COMMANDMENTS** (Exodus 20:3-17)

- **UPWARD in their Focus - Focused on God**
  - 1- do not worship ANY other god
  - 2- do not MAKE an IDOL for yourself
  - 3- do not MISUSE the NAME of God
  - 4- keep the Sabbath HOLY
- **OUTWARD in their Focus - Focused on Others**
  - 5- HONOR your Father and Mother
  - 6- do not MURDER
  - 7- do not commit ADULTERY
  - 8- do not STEAL
  - 9- do not give FALSE testimony
  - 10- do not COVET

We must first Love God with ALL that is in us, and if we do, we will be able to love others AS we love ourselves. LOVE for God produces LOVE for people. K. Hughes

### PUTTING JESUS TO THE TEST ~ Luke 10:25-29

[25] On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" [26] "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" [27] He answered: "'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, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" [28] "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

It was ALL encompassing - thoughts, emotions, feelings, actions - ALL must be CONTROLLED by LOVE for GOD and LOVE for OTHERS. Holman

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**Galatians 6:10 (NET)** So then, whenever we have an opportunity, **LET US DO GOOD to all people, and ESPECIALLY to those who belong to the FAMILY of FAITH.**

## PUTTING THE EXPERT TO THE TEST ~ Luke 10:30-37

[29] But he wanted to JUSTIFY himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" [30] In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. [31] A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. [32] So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

### WHY DIDN'T THEY STOP?

- Did NOT want to become UNCLEAN
- FEAR they could be ATTACKED
- Did not want to feel OBLIGATED to HELP
- Did not want the EXPENSE of CARING for man

[33] But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. [34] He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. [35] The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' [36] "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" [37] The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

## TAKE AWAY ??