the Lord is telling us here in this parable of the Good Samaritan, First, I want to answer from the Word of God why the Lord spoke in parables. If you go to the religious world and ask them why the Lord spoke in parables, you'll get many different answers but probably the answer you'll get most is that the Lord spoke in parables to make it easy for the people to understand. I was taking with a deacon several years ago and that was his thinking as to why the Lord spoke in parables. Let's listen to our Lord tell why He spoke in parables; "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. And the disciples came, and said unto Him, Why speakest Thou unto them in parables: He answered and said unto them, BECAUSE IT IS GIVEN UNTO YOU TO KNOW THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT TO THEM IT IS NOT GIVEN." (Matt. 13:9-11) Now that's the purpose as to why the Lord spoke to the multitudes in rables, because it is not iven to the world to know e mysteries of the Kingom. The Lord was not rying to make these easy for all to un-nd. Now that's conary to what you hear in e religious world. Men say they are re-writing the Bible to make it simple so that everybody can under-stand it. What a tragedy! The Bible was written for one person only, and to one person only; the child of God. Then again listen to what the Lord said; "But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many pro-phets and righteous men

have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard

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them." (verses 16-17)

Then the Apostle Paul said: "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." (II Cor. 4:3) The world has no love for the Gospel. And if you carry the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ you are going to suffer persecution. The greatest persecution you will endure comes from the religious world. Why? The Gospel is hidden from the religious world because the religious world is blinded by Satan. A sinner being awakened to his lost condition by the Holy Spirit is a great mystery that the religious world does not understand. That's why religious professors persecute an awakened sinner. If you do not understand what it means to be awakened to your lost condition under Holy Spirit conviction, then you do not know

I want us to look at the spiritual application in the story of the Good Samaritan as it relates to the salvation of a lost sinner. Have you ever been a lost sinner? This "certain man" who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho represents every lost sinner whom the Lord saves. The Lord plainly tells us in His Word that He didn't come to save everybody. There is a doctrine that is going around the world like wildfire that Christ died for everybody. That doctrine didn't come from the Word of God. The Lord plainly declared: "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Mt. 9:13) Then in Mt. 15:24, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then in Jn. 17:9 the Lord said: "I pray for them: I PRAY NOT FOR THE WORLD, but for them which Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine." In the face of all the Scriptures, how then can an individual teach and preach that the Lord died for everybody? Simply be-cause the Gospel is hidden

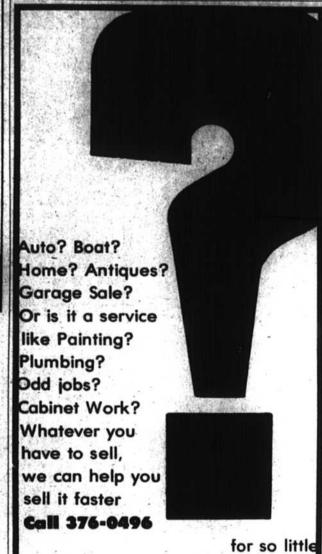
from the soul. This certain man on his way to Jericho was beaten and robbed by thieves on his journey and left in the ditch on the side of the road half dead and wounded. Every sinner is half dead and wounded. In your natural state you are dead in trespasses and sins. But man is a trinity: body, soul and spirit. In your body, you are world-conscious. With your five senses you are aware of your environment, the world in which you live and move about. In your soul,

you are self-conscious. In your spirit, you are supposed to be Godconscious. But, in the Fall in the Garden there in Eden, man died in his spirit when he disobeyed the Lord. The Lord had told man that if he ate of the forbidden tree, he would die; "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the

garden thou mayest freely

eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eastest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Gen. 16:17) Down through the ages men have blindly taught that Eve was not under God's commandment to not eat of the tree of good and evil. When the Lord gave the commandment to Adam, it applied to Eve as well. I wish I had time to go into that.

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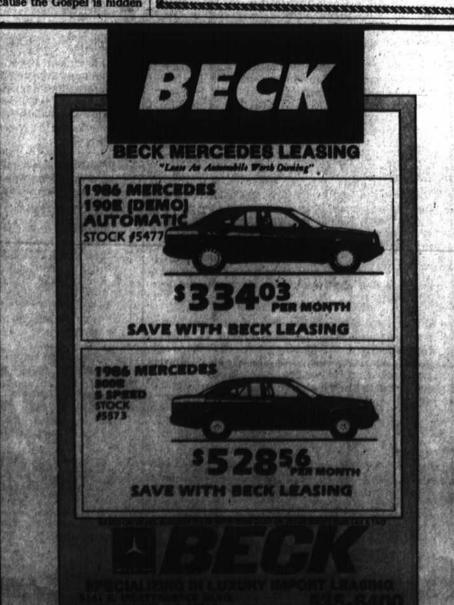
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