

The Good Samaritan

By J. M. Little
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"And Jesus answering said, A Certain man went down to Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again I will repay thee." (Luke 10:30-35)



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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 greater 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 Christ.

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 because 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 God-conscious. 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 eatest 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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