

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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INTRODUCTION

TEXT: *“And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and made trial of him, saying, Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”* (Lk. 10:25).

THE SETTING:

A. THE SENDING OF THE “70”.

1. Go and preach the message of the Kingdom of God.
2. Instructions were much the same as that given to the 12. (Chap. 9).
3. Came back and reported their success. (vs. 17-20).
4. From this we see the success of Jesus’ ministry and we also see a challenge.

B. *“AND BEHOLD, A CERTAIN LAWYER STOOD UP AND MADE TRIAL OF HIM.”* v. 25.

1. Who were the ‘lawyers’?
 - a. Men trained in the “law of Moses.”
 - b. They were the experts...the leaders of the people.
 2. Why were they making “trial of Jesus?”
 - a. Jealous.
 - b. He was “taking their place”
 - c. People were turning to Him, instead of them!
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The Lawyer’s Question

A. *“WHAT SHALL I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE?”*

1. His question was good.
 - a. In fact this is the most important question that man can ask.
 - b. Upon the answer depends our Eternal Destiny.
 2. His Motive Was Bad!
 - a. Was not interested in applying the answer to himself.
 - b. He was interested in confusing Jesus, and finding fault with the answer.
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JESUS’S ANSWER

A. PART ONE:

1. Jesus had the lawyer answer his own question.
2. His answer was correct: *“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 neighbor as thyself.”* v. 27.

B. PART TWO:

1. “Thou hast answered right”
2. “This do, and thou shalt live.” (This answer was understandable and was simple.)

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C. PART THREE:

1. *"But he, desiring to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?" v. 29.*
2. Not because he did not understand.....
3. **BUT..."DESIRING TO JUSTIFY HIMSELF"**

D. PART FOUR:

1. The answer was simple.
 2. Yet the lawyer claimed....
 - a. The answer was so difficult
 - b. He could not possibly understand!
 3. **Therefore Jesus gives the explanation**
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THE GOOD SAMARITAN

A. ONE OF THE MOST FAMILIAR PARABLE THAT JESUS GIVES!

1. Most everyone can tell the story.
2. And most can give meaning to the lesson Jesus was teaching.

B. Sometimes we take itOUT OF CONTEXT:

1. We learn the lesson of service, care, etc.
2. The kind of neighbor we should be.

C. BUT IN CONTEXT:

1. Jesus was responding to the lawyer's question "who is my neighbor"?
 2. The lawyer was trying to avoid the simple answer that God's Word had given (Deut. 6:5).
 3. Jesus was teaching that anyone...even a Samaritan, could and should understand what God says.
 4. In effect, Jesus rebukes the lawyer for his not understanding.
 5. He didn't understand, because the answer was not what he wanted or Expected!
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WHAT MUST I DO?

A. MANY HAVE ASKED THIS QUESTION?

1. Having heard the message, and realized their need.
2. They came to the Master for answer and instruction.

B. BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE QUESTION.....the answer has always been given in simple terms that man can understand!

1. How terrible it would be, to recognize our needs and....
2. Find that the answer was beyond our ability to understand.

C. "WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?"

1. What if: only the brilliant could understand the answer?
 2. What if: the answer was in dark and confusing language?
 3. What of a God who would be this cruel?
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The Question - God's Answer

A. THE RICH YOUNG RULER:

1. The Question: "what must I do...again... what lack I yet?"
2. "Go and sell what you have - Give it to the poor, Come and follow me!"
3. Any problem of understanding what God said? **NO!**

B. *"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me."* (Luke 9:23).

1. Any problem of understanding.
2. The language is clear and to the point.

C. *"BRETHREN WHAT SHALL WE DO"?* (Acts 2:37).

1. *"Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*
2. Is this confusing language. Something hard or difficult for man to understand?
3. Does it take an extremely intelligent person to make sense out of God's answer?

4. **Then What Is The Problem??**

THE PROBLEM

A. IF IT IS NOT WITH GOD OR HIS WORD...

1. That God did not hide His answer in confusing and conflicting language.
2. Why does (if it does) the same language say different things to different people.
3. *Does it really?* Is That The Problem?

B. PRE-CONCEIVED IDEAS AND PREJUDICE MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND SIMPLE ANSWERS.

1. Be it in Religion or material or world things.
2. When the answer is not what we want
3. When it is different from what we expected, then man has a problem with the meaning of simple answers. (Notice this in children, when they ask a question and don't like the answers, the different ways they try to turn it around.)

C. WHEN IT IS NOT THE WAY WE WOULD DO IT, we have problems.

1. When we use our reasoning to answer the question.
2. This is the way I think it should be done. ETC.

THE DIFFICULTY WITH THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION IS NOT WITH GOD.....THE LANGUAGE.....OR THE ANSWER...BUT WITH THE HEART OF THE HEARER
