

Curing the Crippled Woman (*K'piphtho*)

Luke 10:25-37

- 25 There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
- 26 Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?"
- 27 He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."
- 28 He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."
- 29 But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"
- 30 Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead.
- 31 A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.
- 32 Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.
- 33 But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.
- 34 He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him.
- 35 The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.'
- 36 Which of these three, in your opinion, was a neighbor to the robbers' victim?"
- 37 He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Genesis 9:1-7

- 1 God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them: Be fertile and multiply and fill the earth.
- 2 Fear and dread of you shall come upon all the animals of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon all the creatures that move about on the ground and all the fishes of the sea; into your power they are delivered.
- 3 Any living creature that moves about shall be yours to eat; I give them all to you as I did the green plants.
- 4 Only meat with its lifeblood still in it you shall not eat.
- 5 Indeed for your own lifeblood I will demand an accounting: from every animal I will demand it, and from a human being, each one for the blood of another, I will demand an accounting for human life.
- 6 Anyone who sheds the blood of a human being, by a human being shall that one's blood be shed; for in the image of God have human beings been made.
- 7 Be fertile, then, and multiply; abound on earth and subdue it.

Sirach 51:1-10

- 1 I give you thanks, LORD and King, I praise you, God my savior! I declare your name, refuge of my life,
- 2 because you have ransomed my life from death; You held back my body from the pit, and delivered my foot from the power of Sheol. You have preserved me from the scourge of the slanderous tongue, and from the lips of those who went over to falsehood. You were with me against those who rise up against me;
- 3 You have rescued me according to your abundant mercy from the snare of those who look for my downfall, and from the power of those who seek my life. From many dangers you have saved me,
- 4 from flames that beset me on every side, from the midst of fire till there was not a whiff of it,
- 5 from the deep belly of Sheol, from deceiving lips and painters of lies,
- 6 from the arrows of a treacherous tongue. I was at the point of death, my life was nearing the depths of Sheol;
- 7 I turned every way, but there was no one to help; I looked for support but there was none.
- 8 Then I remembered the mercies of the LORD, his acts of kindness through ages past; for he saves those who take refuge in him, and rescues them from every evil.
- 9 So I raised my voice from the grave; from the gates of Sheol I cried for help.
- 10 I called out: LORD, you are my Father, my champion, my savior! Do not abandon me in time of trouble, in the midst of storms and dangers.

Jeremiah 51:1-9

- 1 Thus says the LORD: See! I rouse against Babylon, and the inhabitants of Chaldea, a destroyer wind.
- 2 To Babylon I will send winnowers to winnow and lay waste the land; they shall besiege it on every side on the day of affliction.
- 3 How can the archers draw back their bows, lift their armor? Do not spare her young men, put the entire army under the ban.
- 4 The slain shall fall in the land of Chaldea, the wounded, in its streets;
- 5 For Israel and Judah are not left widowed by their God, the LORD of hosts, even though the land is full of guilt against the Holy One of Israel.
- 6 Flee from Babylon; each of you save your own life, do not perish because of her guilt; this is a time of retribution from the LORD,
- 7 who pays out her due. Babylon was a golden cup in the hand of the LORD making the whole earth drunk; The nations drank its wine, thus they have gone mad.
- 8 Babylon suddenly falls and is broken: wail over her! Bring balm for her wounds, in case she can be healed.
- 9 "We have tried to heal Babylon, but she cannot be healed. Leave her, each of us must go to our own land." The judgment against her reaches the heavens, it touches the clouds.

Isaiah 50:1-5

- 1 Thus says the LORD: Where is the bill of divorce with which I dismissed your mother? Or to which of my creditors have I sold you? It was for your sins you were sold, for your rebellions your mother was dismissed.
- 2 Why was no one there when I came? Why did no one answer when I called? Is my hand too short to ransom? Have I not the strength to deliver? See, with my rebuke I dry up the sea, I turn rivers into wilderness; their fish rot for lack of water, and die of thirst.
- 3 I clothe the heavens in black, and make sackcloth their covering.
- 4 The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to answer the weary a word that will waken them. Morning after morning he awakens my ear to hear as disciples do;
- 5 The Lord GOD opened my ear; I did not refuse, did not turn away.

1 Peter 3:8-17

- 8 Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble.
- 9 Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult; but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing.
- 10 For: "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep the tongue from evil and the lips from speaking deceit,
- 11 must turn from evil and do good, seek peace and follow after it.
- 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears turned to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against evildoers."
- 13 Now who is going to harm you if you are enthusiastic for what is good?
- 14 But even if you should suffer because of righteousness, blessed are you. Do not be afraid or terrified with fear of them,
- 15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope,
- 16 but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame.
- 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

Romans 12:1-15

- 1 I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.
- 2 Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.
- 3 For by the grace given to me I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than one ought to think, but to think soberly, each according to the measure of faith that God has apportioned.

4 For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function,
5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another.
6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if
prophecy, in proportion to the faith;
7 if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching;
8 if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with
diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.
9 Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good;
10 love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor.
11 Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.
12 Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.
13 Contribute to the needs of the holy ones,^j exercise hospitality.
14 Bless those who persecute [you],^k bless and do not curse them.
15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Luke 13:10-17

10 He was teaching in a synagogue on the sabbath.
11 And a woman was there who for eighteen years had been crippled by a spirit; she was
bent over, completely incapable of standing erect.
12 When Jesus saw her, he called to her and said, "Woman, you are set free of your
infirmity."
13 He laid his hands on her, and she at once stood up straight and glorified God.
14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had cured on the sabbath, said to
the crowd in reply, "There are six days when work should be done. Come on those days
to be cured, not on the sabbath day."
15 The Lord said to him in reply, "Hypocrites! Does not each one of you on the sabbath untie
his ox or his ass from the manger and lead it out for watering?
16 This daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound for eighteen years now, ought she
not to have been set free on the sabbath day from this bondage?"
17 When he said this, all his adversaries were humiliated; and the whole crowd rejoiced at
all the splendid deeds done by him.