

OLD LOVE NEW LOVE
Week 3 – Love Your Neighbor
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(MATTHEW 22:34-40) – ³⁷ Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

(LEVITICUS 19:15-18) – ¹⁵ “Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly. ¹⁶ “Do not go about spreading slander among your people. “Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the LORD. ¹⁷ “Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt. ¹⁸ “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but **love your neighbor as yourself**. I am the LORD.

- **“Love”, H157 (ahab)** – This carried the full aspect of love (desire...delight...treatment)
- **“your neighbor”, H7453 (rea’)** – Friend / Companion / Fellow-citizen / Another person
- **“as yourself”, H3644 (kemow)** – the main concept was similar to “comparison”.
- **Read Leviticus 19:33-34**

(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.” 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. 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.”

- **(Group #1) Disciples – Read Luke 9:51-56**
- **(Group #2) Jewish Audience – Read 2 Chronicles 28:1-15**

***** WARNING ***** (I / YOU / WE) are in dangerous ground when (I / YOU / WE) can no longer see or remember the similarities between (ME / YOU / US) and the lost.

TIP #1: Looking for _____ is one of the essential steps of _____ neighborly.

**TIP #2: Resolve to “Love” (Engage) the person you don’t _____ about
...and the person you know _____ about.**

TIP #3: Loving others was as much a _____ command as it was _____.