**Serving My Neighbor**

**Reading - Luke 10:25-37**

***But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"***

Two things to note.

1. He wanted to justify himself—indicating he knew he had already failed the test.

2. He couldn’t ask who God was, so he had to focus on the debatable issue of who his neighbor was.

**Man’s Need TO Love**

This story illustrates the power and importance of the many passages proclaiming man’s need to love.

1. ***Deuteronomy 6:5 "You shall love Jehovah your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*** (NKJV)

2. ***Deuteronomy 10:12 And now, Israel, what does Jehovah your God require of you, but to fear Jehovah your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul,*** (NKJV)

3. ***1 John 4:20‑21 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God [must] love his brother also.*** (NKJV)

4.  ***Matthew 5:44-45 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*** (NKJV)

5. ***John 13:34‑35 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*** (NKJV)

6. Everyone of those people who are different from us are our neighbor. ***Matthew 5:46‑47 "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 "And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more [than others?] Do not even the tax collectors do so?***