



Midweek Meditation



"But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was." Luke 10:33

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, the wounded and dying man is a clear representation of our pitiable condition. He has no chance to survive apart from receiving help from the Samaritan. Our state is as hopeless. Unless God comes to rescue us through Him who became our neighbor in the flesh, Jesus Christ, we live in misery here and die eternally in hell.

It is our sinful nature, however, to hold out false hope. We are inclined to believe that our good works, done to our neighbor, will touch God's heart and cause Him to let us into heaven. This is where the parable can set us straight. Surely that man dying in the road had done good works throughout his life. Are those works able to help him now? They are worthless to him! Anything good he has done for his neighbor is not able in the least to stop the bleeding, bandage his wounds, lift him to his feet, and give him another chance at life. And so with us. The good we do for our neighbor can only help our neighbor; it cannot help us. We are mortally wounded. We are dying in the road. The only way we can be saved is if another comes to save us - a Good Samaritan; our Good Samaritan, Jesus. He is the Savior; your Savior. He gives you life now and forever.

Salvation unto us has come by God's free grace and favor; good works cannot avert our doom, they help and save us never. Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone; He is our one Redeemer. Amen.