

The Old Testament reading is from the Book of Leviticus chapter 19

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.' "Each of you must respect your mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the LORD your God. "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.

"Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another. Do not defraud or rob your neighbour. Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favouritism to the great, but judge your neighbour fairly.

"Do not do anything that endangers your neighbour's life. I am the LORD. "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the LORD. Keep my decrees. "Do not practice divination or seek omens. "Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the LORD.

Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritualists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God.

"Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD.

"When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. ³⁴ The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

"Keep all my decrees and all my laws and follow them. I am the LORD."

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans chapter 7 vs 21- 25

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke chapter 10 vs 25 - 37

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 neighbour as yourself.'"²⁸

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 neighbour?”

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by 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 travelled, 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, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^(d) 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 neighbour 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.”