



## Today's Message

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Title: *Loving God with All Your Heart*

Text: Luke 10:25–28 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup> And he answered, “You shall 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 your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

Introduction: Luke 10:25-37 tells the famous parable of the Good Samaritan. The story emerges from a conversation about love for God as a requirement to enter the kingdom. This sermon considers that conversation, saving the parable itself for next Sunday.

### **I. An important question: What shall I do to inherit eternal life? 25**

- A. *Because it is important*, you should ask it with proper motivation.
- B. *It is important because* your destiny is at stake.

### **II. An essential counterquestion: What do the Scriptures say? 26**

- A. The correct answer comes only from God's Word.

- B. The correct answer is not subject to the whims of human opinion.

**III. The biblical answer: Only those who love God truly will enter the kingdom. 27**

- A. True love for God defines the totality of our existence.
  - 1. It flows out of the core of our being . . .
  - 2. touching every part of our life . . .
  - 3. consuming all of our energy . . .
  - 4. and captivating all of our thoughts.
- B. True love for God directs each of our relationships.

**IV. An affirming conclusion: The answer given is correct—really! 28**

- A. Since this is the correct answer, you should love God.
- B. Those who love God, enter the kingdom.

Conclusion: This exchange about loving God appears in multiple contexts in the Bible. A question we need to ask is, why did Luke include it in this context? We miss Luke’s obvious point if we fail to see it laid side-by-side with the previous sermon text:

*10:22 “All things have been handed over to me [Jesus] by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”*

**Today’s take-home truth: Love God with all your heart by loving and following Jesus.**

Addendum: How can I love him with such perfect love?