

The Good Samaritan

A man was on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell in amongst robbers, who beat him, stripped him, and left, leaving him half dead. It so happened that a priest came upon the place and saw him and went past to the other side. So, too, a judge came to the place and saw him and went past to the other side. But, a Samaritan who was making the journey came upon him, and when he saw him, was moved to pity. He went up and bandaged his wounds, bathing them in oil and wine. Then he put him onto his own beast, brought him to an inn, and looked after him there. The next day he produced two pieces of silver and gave them to the innkeeper and said, "Look after him and if you spend anymore, I will repay you on the way back."

The Rich Fool

There once was a rich man, whose land yielded heavy crops. He debated with himself: "Oh what am I to do?" he said. "I have not the room to store my produce. Ahh, this is what I will do," he said. "I will tear down my storehouses and make them bigger. I will collect in them all my corn and popcorn and tuna surprise, and M&Ms, and then I will say to myself, 'Man, you have a plenty of good things laid by you, enough to last you many years. Take life easy. Eat. Drink. Enjoy yourself.' But, then God said to the man, "You fool, this very night you must surrender your life. You have made your money. Who will get it now?"

Jesus

Thou shalt love the Lord, your God, with all your heart and all your soul. This is the greatest commandment of them all and the second is like it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. All the rest of the law, and all the prophets have written, is based on these first two. The doctors of the law and the Pharisees sit in the chair of Moses, therefore listen to what they say, pay attention to their words, but do not follow their practices. For they say one thing and do another. They make up heavy packs and pile them on men's shoulders and they don't raise a finger to lift the load themselves. Everything they do is done for show. Oh, they go about wearing broad phylacteries with large tassels on their robes. They like to have their places of honor at feasts and at the synagogues and to be greeted respectfully in the streets and to be called 'teacher.' But you must not be called "teacher" for you have one teacher: the Messiah, and you must not call any man on earth "Father" for you have only one Father and you are all brothers, and you must call no man on earth "Rabbi" for you have one Rabbi and he is in heaven.

The Unforgiving Servant

There once was a king... who decided to settle accounts with the men who served him. Well, at the outset there appeared, before the master a man whose debt ran into the millions. Since the man had no means of paying the money, the master ordered him to be sold to meet the debt with his wife... and his child... and everything he had. Well the man, threw himself down at the master's feet and went "Oh, b-b-b-b-be patient with m-m-m-me...and I will p-p-p-pay you in f-f-f-full. And so moved with pity was the master that he decided to free the man and remit the debt. But, no sooner had the man gone out than he met a fellow servant who owed him a few dollars. He gripped him by the throat and said: "Pay me what you owe me!" The man threw himself at his fellow servant's feet and begged him saying: "B-b-b-b-b-be patient with me and I shall p-p-p-pay you." But he refused and had him jailed until he should pay the debt. The other servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened. They ran and they told their master the whole story! Accordingly, he sent for (drumroll)... THE MAN! "You scoundrel! I remitted the whole of your debt when you appealed to me. Were you not bound to show your fellow servant the same pity I showed you? And so angry was the master that he condemned the man to torture until he could pay the debt in full.

John the Baptist

You vipers' brood! Who warned you to escape from the coming retribution? Then prove your repentance by the fruit it bears; and do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father." I tell you that God can make children for Abraham out of these stones here. Already the axe is laid to the fruit of the trees; and any tree which fails to produce good fruit is cut down thrown on the fire. I baptize you with water, for repentance; but He who comes after me is mightier than I. I am not fit to take off his shoes. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. (Jesus approaches) Do you come to me?