



FIRST (SCOTS) SERMONS

“Blessings, Vows, Decisions”

Scripture Lessons: *Psalm 24; Luke 10: 25-37*

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Psalm 24

Of David. A Psalm.

¹The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it;

²for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

³Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

and who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

who do not lift up their souls to what is false,

and do not swear deceitfully.

⁵They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

⁶Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Selah

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the king of glory may come in.

⁸Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty,

The Lord, mighty in battle.

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the king of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is the King of glory?

The Lord of hosts,

He is the King of glory.

Selah

Luke 10: 25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

¹Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷He 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.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denari, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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