



## WORD WITH SHARAD AND PREMA



## THE WARMTH OF COMPASSION

We all know the parable of Good Samaritan. In the Luke chapter 10:25-37 this parable is found. This parable was told by Jesus to a certain lawyer who came to Jesus with the motive to temp him. The lawyer asked Jesus, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" The lawyer answered, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." Jesus told him, "....this do, and thou shalt live." But in order to justify himself, he said, unto Jesus, and who Is my neighbor?" In response to his question Jesus told the parable of Good Samaritan. And we do not know what the response of that lawyer was.

I am amazed to see that the Creator of this entire universe and Creator of us when He was here on the face of the earth in human form as Jesus of Nazareth talked always about the **compassion**, **kindness**, **mercy and do justice.** In the Old Testament also it was specifically written what God requires from His people, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doeth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 6:8).

There are many verses in the Bible that shows us that our God is Compassionate God: "But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion and gracious, longsuffering and plenteous in mercy and truth" (Psalms 86:15). "It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not" (Lamentations3:22; Isaiah 49:15)..

We also read in many places that Jesus had **compassion** on people: "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with **compassion** on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Matthews9:36; Mark 14:14 and so on).

We are encouraged to have **compassion** on others. Peter told us: "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren be pitiful, be courteous:" (I Peter 3:8). "But whose hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his **bowels of compassion** from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (I John 3:17).

In the Gospel of Luke 3 chapter we read that when John the baptizer was giving baptism of repentance to people and all kinds of people started coming to him, he told them to bring the **fruit worthy of repentance**. And very interesting to read questions different kinds of people asked and John the baptizer gave them answers. When people asked, "what shall we do then?" He said, "he that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise" When publicans asked, "What shall we do?" He told them, "Exact no more that that which is appointed you" And when soldiers asked, "What shall we do?" He told them, "Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages" (Luke 3:10-14).

Bible says that we should love our enemies (Proverbs 25:21). And the Good Samaritan did the same thing. In the sight of Jewish people the Samaritans were their enemies. But when Samaritan saw the condition of that wounded (Jewish man?) he showed compassion on him and helped his enemy. Jesus told us to love our enemies and show mercy (Luke 6:35-36).

Encounter with Jesus will transform the lives into the lives of compassion, mercy, kindness and forgiving spirit! When we accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord, the love of God comes to dwell in us and we automatically show **compassion** on others and love of God SHARES with others, gives always!. This world needs to experience the **WARMTH OF COMPASSION OF JESUS CHRIST** and God expects from His Children that we walk in His love (Agape) with others and show them His compassion!

May our good Lord continue to bless you and your families! Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily! Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember, <u>Jesus is Lord</u> and take with you <u>the Word of God and Faith</u>, excellent traveling Companions. (Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7).

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