

Scripture Readings for July 13, 2025

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹ Then the LORD your God will give you great success in everything you do. You will have many children. Your livestock will have many little ones. Your crops will do very well. The LORD will take delight in you again. He'll give you success. That's what he did for your people of long ago. ¹⁰ But you must obey the LORD your God. You must keep his commands and rules. They are written in this Book of the Law. You must turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹¹ What I'm commanding you today is not too hard for you. It isn't beyond your reach. ¹² It isn't up in heaven. So you don't have to ask, "Who will go up into heaven to get it? Who will announce it to us so we can obey it?" ¹³ And it isn't beyond the ocean. So you don't have to ask, "Who will go across the ocean to get it? Who will announce it to us so we can obey it?" ¹⁴ No, the message isn't far away at all. In fact, it's really near you. It's in your mouth and in your heart so that you can obey it.

Luke 10:25-37

The Story of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ One day an authority on the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to receive eternal life?" ²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" Jesus replied. "How do you understand it?" ²⁷ He answered, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength and with all your mind.' (Deuteronomy 6:5) And, 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' " (Leviticus 19:18) ²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do that, and you will live." ²⁹ But the man wanted to make himself look good. So he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. Robbers attacked him. They stripped off his clothes and beat him. Then they went away, leaving him almost dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down that same road. When he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² A Levite also came by. When he saw the man, he passed by on the other side too. ³³ But a Samaritan came to the place where the man was. When he saw the man, he felt sorry for him. ³⁴ He went to him, poured olive oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey. He brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two silver coins. He gave them to the owner of the inn. 'Take care of him,' he said. 'When I return, I will pay you back for any extra expense you may have.' ³⁶ "Which of the three do you think was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by robbers?" ³⁷ The authority on the law replied, "The one who felt sorry for him." Jesus told him, "Go and do as he did."