

The Prodigal

The Context

A. The Murmuring of The Pharisees And Scribes (Luke 15:1-2)

B. Christ tells three parables

1. Parable Of The Lost Sheep (Like 15:3-7)

Luke 15:7

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

2. Parable of the Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)

Luke 15:10

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

**God Is Seeking
Sinners**

I. The Story

Luke 15:11-24

11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:

12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

I. The Story

Luke 15:11-24 - continued

16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

I. The Story

Luke 15:11-24 - continued

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

I. The Story

Luke 15:11-24 - continued

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

II. The Father

A. Did not want his son to leave

2 Timothy 4:10

For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

B. Had an inheritance for his son

John 14:3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

II. The Father

C. Allowed his son to leave

Jeremiah 15:6a

Thou hast forsaken me, saith the Lord, thou art gone backward:

D. Is always looking for his son's return

Isaiah 55:7

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Genesis 3:9

**And the Lord God
called unto Adam,
and said unto him,
Where art thou?**

III. The Son

A. Had planned the departure from the Father

“And not many days after...”

James 1:14-15

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

To do what he wanted to do, he would have to reckon his father “dead”

III. The Son

B. Went to a far country

- 1. A place he would have never gone to if he stayed with his father**
- 2. Doing things that he would have never done if he had stayed with his father**
- 3. Squandered all that the father had laid up in store for him**
- 4. Became a servant to a citizen of the far country when his money ran out**

Lived as if his father was “dead”

III. The Son

5. He was alienated to his father

“ he had spent all”

“there was a mighty famine in the land” (v 14)

Ephesians 4:18-19

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

6. None of his “friends” cared for him

“no man gave unto him” (v 16)

He was "dead" spiritually

Romans 6:16-20

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

III. The Son

C. He came to his senses

1. His realization (v 17)

2. His resolve (v 18)

3. His rejection of himself (v 19)

4. His return to the father (v 20)

He had to deal with his “dead” relationship

III. The Son

D. His reunion

1. The reception from the father (v 20)

2. The true repentance from the son (v 21)

He came back once and would never leave again

3. The restoration by the father (vv 22-24)

1. The robe and ring (v 22)

2. The rejoicing and refreshment (v 23)

3. The renewal of the relationship (v 24)

Colossians 1:21-23

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

**Do You Need
To Come Home
To The Father?**