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Luke 15:11-32

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Then 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 falls to me.*" So he divided to them his **livelihood**. **13** And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, **journeyed** to a **far** country, and there **wasted** his possessions with **prodigal** living. **14** But when he had **spent all**, there arose a severe famine in that land, and **he began to be in want**. **15** Then he went and joined himself to a **citizen of that country**, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. **16** And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. **17** "*But when he came to himself*, he said, '*How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!*' **18** *I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,* **19** *and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'*" **20** "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still 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 to him, "*Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.*" **22** "*But (interruption) the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.*' **23** *And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;* **24** *for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.*" And they began to be merry. **25** "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard **music** and **dancing**. **26** So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. **27** And he said to him, "*Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.*" **28** "But he was **angry** and would not go in. Therefore his father **came out** and **pleaded** with him. **29** So he answered and said to his father, "*Look, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.* **30** *But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.*" **31** "And he said to him, "*Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.* **32** *It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.*" "

Contrary to Popular Belief,

This parable is not about a young man sinning himself into oblivion. But is actually about the extravagance and lavishness of God's love for man and His desire to make you happy as He intended.

THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL

Son, Father, God

:13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, **journeyed** to a **far** country, and there **wasted** his possessions with **prodigal** living.

Prodigal ἄσώτως **asotos**, *as-o'-toce*; adverb from the same as 810; unlimited extravagance, unlimited lavishness, unlimited zeal, unlimited abandonment.

Jer. 31:3

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an **everlasting** love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

everlasting an ancient love. A love that goes beyond the vanishing point; a past, present and future love. eternal, a perpetual love. love that existed before me. A pre-existing love. A present love. A future love.

A.W. Tozer (*The Knowledge of The Holy*)

"Because God is self-existent, His love had no beginning; because He is immense, His love is an incomprehensibly vast, bottomless, shoreless sea.",

Luke 15:7

I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

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Within Man is the Need to be Governed.

Mankind's greatest achievements, his greatest developments and acts of civility have come when man is subject to God.

But Also Within Man is the Evil to Govern.

Mankind apart from God sets himself up as a god. From the beginning this lust has blinded man from his rightful place – worship of God.

- 1.) **What makes is this parable so well beloved?** *It answers the deep and heartfelt need within us of forgiveness, redemption, restoration*
- 2.) **What is Jesus desiring to communicate?** *It is the unfathomable love of God for man and His extravagance to display such love to us.*
- 3.) **What Did He intend for the listener?** *That there is no place a man or woman can descend downward so that His love cannot reach and that salvation is near.*
- 4.) **What was the desired effect or revelation?** *That God's goodness, grace and love for you would result in you deciding to love God now. – always now !!!*

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

End of Study

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