

LEARNING WITH LUKE 15:11-32 “TIME TO RETURN” P. 1039 PEW BIBLE

Luke 15:18-24 - When he came to himself, he said, I will arise and go to my father, and say “I have sinned against heaven and before you.” While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him, and said, “Let us celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive...”

1- THE PROFLIGATE SON - excessive - reckless

Luke 15:11-16 - lost
Luke 15:17-19 - go
Ps 51:4, Ez 33:11 - die
Luke 19:10 - seek & save

The lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son represent lost sinners, those whom Jesus came to seek and to save.

The son had a right to his inheritance, but he demanded it early, then squandered it, abandoning not only his father but his faith. His repentance was a change of mind, heart, decision, direction. He returned. -McDurmon

2- THE PRODIGAL FATHER - extravagant - redemptive

Luke 15:20-22 - saw
Luke 15:23-24 - alive
Zech 3, Ezek 16 - grace
Eph 1:1-14, 2:1-10 - grace
Psalm 51, 103 - forgiveness

The son hoped for mercy (not getting what he deserved), but the father gave grace (what he did not deserve).

Because God is self-existent, His love had no beginning; because He is eternal, His love can have no end; because He is infinite, it has no limit; because He is holy, it is the quintessence of all spotless purity; because He is immense, His love is an incomprehensibly vast, bottomless, shoreless sea. -AW Tozer

3- THE PRIGGISH SON - egocentric - refusing

Luke 15:25-30 - me
Luke 15:31-32 - you
Luke 13:22-30 - narrow

The eldest son got angry at grace for the undeserving. Though he always had all the covenant blessings, he did not enjoy them nor being with the father. He thought only of works, not mercy and grace. -McDurmon

The resurrection of the lost remnant gives fitting cause for celebration. But the elder son refuses to go in, and if he does not repent, he will reject His father's will, and be locked out of the kingdom. -J.McDurmon

4- ARE YOU A PENITENT CHILD? - repent & return

Mark 1:15 - turn to God
Luke 5:32, 15:7, 10, 24:47
Acts 20:21, 26:15-20
John 1:11-13 - born
Titus 3:3-7 - saved

Repentance involves recognition of sin, confession, and remorse. But saving faith requires regeneration, and repentance requires turning from sin and turning to God by placing all your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Receive the redemption offered in Jesus, and be transformed from spiritually dead to spiritually alive in Him.

Then, seek sinners with the Good News, receive the repentant into the Kingdom, and celebrate with them.

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3-14 **Luke 15:11-19** - fall
3-15 **Psalm 51:1-19** - turn
3-16 **Luke 15:20-24** - grace
3-17 **Luke 15:25-32** - alive
3-18 **Ephesians 1:1-14** - lavish
3-19 **Ephesians 2:1-10** - grace
3-20 **Psalm 103** - compassion

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God

♦ *How will I be transformed, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?*

