

The Prodigal: The Father's Forgiveness and Joy (Lk 15: 17-32) (Pt II:)

I. A father, his two sons an inheritance (15:11)

II. The freedom that brings bondage (15:12,13)

III. The Prodigal's humble realization (15:14-19)

IV. The Prodigal Came to Himself (15:17-19)

- a. He came to himself (v.17) the turning point
 - i. the father's goodness made him long for home
- b. His resolution (vv.18,19)
 - i. I will arise and go to my father
 - ii. "Father, I have sinned against you and before you"
 - iii. I am no longer worthy to be called your son
 - iv. Make me like one of your hired servants

V. The Prodigal came to his Father, the Father forgave Him (15: 20)

- a. 'When he was yet a great way off...'
- b. 'his father saw him!'
- c. 'and had compassion'
- d. 'and ran'
- e. 'and fell on his neck'
- f. 'and kissed him'

VI. The Prodigal Son's Joyful Reception (15:21-24)

- The son speaks the words he had rehearsed – the father celebrates
 - a. gives him his best robe
 - b. puts a ring on his finger
 - c. puts sandals on his feet
 - d. slaughters the fattened calf
- Note the parallel between "dead" & "alive" & "lost" & "found" (v.24)