

FIREPROOF Bible Study

Luke 15:11-32 "The Lost Son"

Introduction: Continuing our journey through the many parables of Christ, this week we look at one of the most familiar – the Parable of the Lost Son.

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The Parable of the Lost Son, or the Prodigal Son as it is sometimes called, is one of the most familiar Bible passages, and for good reason. It gives us a real look into the true nature of God and of Christ through its allegorical teachings. Read on with us.

Throughout our lives, God bestows so much on us that we don't deserve, and in many cases, just like the son who squandered his father's wealth, we use what God gives us for selfish means. The son spent his wealth on the things of the world, and in the end he was left destitute with nothing. He was at such a low place in his life that he envied what pigs had to eat because he had nothing himself. A situation like this may be shocking to us, but how often do we fall so far from the grace of God that we feel like nothing more than dirt of the ground.

The truth is, that's all we really are – dirt. God made Adam from the dust of the ground, and it was only the breath of God that gave Adam life. When we choose to keep our minds and our hearts in the things of the world, we lose the connection with God that gives us true life.

Finally the lost son decides to come back to his father and admit all he has done wrong. Though this son fell so far, his actions in this situation are admirable, and we should follow them. The son doesn't dance around the issue, and instead he admits all he has done wrong to his father. In response, his father is not angry, but instead he orders a feast and a party for the son. This example Christ gave is to show us that the heavens rejoice when a man or woman is reborn in Christ, and that even when we lose faith, we can come back to the true grace of God. Don't lose hope and don't be afraid to turn your eyes and your heart back to the one true Lord again.

At the end of the lost son's journey, his brother becomes jealous that he has not had feasts and parties prepared for him even though he has been faithful and good all his life. This brother serves as a warning sign to Christians – at times we can look around and feel that others are blessed more than us, but we should be happy for people to come to Christ and continue having faith in Him. It's easy to let jealousy and other worldly emotions cloud our vision of the invisible God, but we must have faith and love one another to be blessed by God.

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