

THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

The Parable of the prodigal son, is a parable that has been applied to many real life situations both in the world and in the realms of religion [Luke 15:11-32]. In the past when a child of God, goes cold in the faith (backslides) and after a period regains senses and returns to faith, He is referred to as a type of the prodigal son who left God and returns after finding unfruitfulness outside. Now, I agree with that type of interpretation, I have personally experienced the refreshing and healing that comes from repentance and a return to God in fellowship. In fact in the past, I have experienced great power and faith to perform miraculous healings and to move mountains after repentance and return to the Father. The Bible is so rich, that it can be applied to our lives in many different dimensions. In this chapter, we will explore the full eternal significance on the parable of the prodigal son and relate it to the famous resurrection from the Dead.

Christ Jesus came to this world as light of this world, to give light and life to all men. He does this by restoring men back to their original place before their descent into the state of death. He came to seek the lost sheep and take them back to their original stall, where they can once more live in safety and in abundance. If He calls the souls of men lost sheep, it means they originally had a shepherd and a stall before they strayed away. If Christ came to reconcile or to restore men, it means that He is trying to take us back to our original place.

In its fullness, the prodigal son today, represents the whole of humanity in their degradation and poverty. In the Adam-like consciousness, like that of the prodigal son, men of this age have left the presence of the Father. To leave the presence of the Father means leaving the life of the spirit to live the life of the flesh. This is the transgression against God that man is suffering the consequence of today. Conformation to the flesh to gain this material world is what men do when they transgress against the Father. Leaving the Father's presence is achieved in man's spiritual descent from the spiritual heights in God to the lower places of the earth where there is no knowledge of God.

Have you ever wondered, what got over the son, when He asked the Father for His goods so that He could live a life independent of the Father? It is that deceitful whisper and influence from without which deceived Him into thinking that not all that the Father has are His; it is that false wisdom, which tells us to gain this world at the expense of the knowledge of the Father. That negative wisdom that tempted the son to leave the Father's presence is the same as that earthly serpentine wisdom Adam partook of in the beginning. It is that wisdom that works hand in hand with the lust of the eyes the lust of the flesh and the pride of life, causing men to leave their spiritual state for gain of riches (Earthly goods). The illusion here is that these earthly goods do not exist, they are simply illusions; when man succumbs to this temptation, at the end He loses all, including his inheritance in God, which is eternal life. What shall it profit a man to gain this world and to lose His soul; this is the folly of man.

Man in the beginning like the prodigal son, had every thing at His disposal for His enjoyment and for his preservation in God. God blessed man in such a way, that all that is His, was also Man's. Read this in **Genesis 1:26-28**.

Genesis 1:26-29 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Man ruled over the whole of creation as God, because God had given Him all power to rule and dominate all things. God withheld nothing from man; he gave the totality of all that He is to man. So the deception of the devil was to convince Adam on the need to gain the world based on the fact that God probably withheld something from God.

Genesis 3:4-5 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: **5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. **6** And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Therefore trying to be wise, man now puts on the evil eye and a corruptible nature, all in the false hope of gaining this world. The Prodigal son thought, He was wise by seeking to detach Himself from the Father for gain. His descent is symbolic of a descent into a carnally derived identity where there is riotous living, lasciviousness, greed, diverse lusts and all forms of ungodliness; a life stile completely alien and contrary to that of the Father's House hold.

The Prodigal son initially seemed to flourish and prosper in His newly found identity only to suddenly feel a sense of poverty sweep over Him. He was constrained to later on join Himself to a citizen of the country for His survival and sustenance. His joining Himself to a citizen of this far away county is symbolic of the union we have in the flesh or with the world. Leaving the unity and bond in the spirit of Christ and with the Father to be joined to this world is adultery and we know no adultery or fornicator has a place in God's kingdom.

Jesus Christ often confessed that without the Father, He can do nothing [**John 5:19, John 5:30**]; He also said that if we do not abide in Him (Christ the son) we can do nothing [**John 15:5**]. This is the only model that is from the beginning. Any attempt to violate this model only leads to death and tribulation by the transgressor [**John 16:33**]. The only occupation of the son is to keep Himself in the knowledge of the Father and son otherwise He dies off like the branches of a tree cut off from its stem [**John 15:7**].

The prodigal son was reduced to a place where he had to feed pigs and to feed from the pigs. The pigs as we know were called unclean animals, because they neither chewed the chord, nor did they have split hooves. Spiritually speaking, pigs refer to a low state of carnal existence in which men find themselves in the fall; it is the carnal state of men that causes them to have minds fixed of things on this temporal material

world, only to lose knowledge of the creator. Feeding on the husks of pig feed is symbolic on feeding our minds on vanity and fellowshiping in the filth and darkness of this world. As long as a man minds things of the earth, there is no way He can be transformed to behold the heavenly glory and to enter. Minding things of the earth only breeds the lust and filth that litters the earth today.

The son suffered and lived on in a famished state of lack and insecurity until He came back to His senses. He roamed and suffered famine like sheep without a shepherd. All along, He had lost a conscious knowledge of who he really was. In his suffering and deep sense of guilt, He lost knowledge of His true status as an heir to great riches. At that point a wall of strong separation had been erected in His mind so that he probably saw himself as alienated from Father, with His name removed from the Father's will. This is the state of man in the fall. Men strongly feel a dip sense of annihilation that they virtually lose all conscious understanding of the true origins as sons of God. Men in their transgression completely lose an awareness of the nature and love of God so that they view God as unapproachable and far, far away.

All that the prodigal son needed was a flash of revelation that caused Him to come back to His senses. He suddenly wondered within Him, that why should He go on suffering in a sense of poverty and loneliness, when he had a father who had more than enough for even His servants. This points to a REMEMBRANCE and to an AWAKENING from the deadness of His state of mind, so that He could suddenly perceive His origin and His Father. Many of us have also felt a sense of being fatherless and all alone to survive in a cold harsh world. A sin consciousness has so hardened the hearts of men and therefore annihilated them from a conscious knowledge of the love God. Every trace of fear, insecurity, anguish and anxiety that men suffer are simply because they do not know God. As long as we feel separated from the living God and continue in the traditions of men that promote such, we will continue to suffer want and lack of safety.

Eternal Life is awakening to the conscious of the son (Christ) in us and to the knowledge of the Father; if we awaken in the knowledge of the son, then we have the Father because they are inseparable [**1 John 2:23, John 10:30**]. Nobody knows the Father except the son, and nobody knows the son except the Father [**Matthew 11:27**]. The prodigal son in His descent actually died because He lost knowledge of Himself and of

the Father. All that suffering and humiliation He went through, was simply out of ignorance of His origin. The world is classified as dead today, simply because it does not know the Father [John 17:25]; knowing the Father and ourselves in the son (Christ) is eternal life [John 17:3].

On getting this flash of revelation, the Son started an ascent back to the presence of the Father in a humbled frame of mind to serve and nothing more. The ascension back to the Father's presence is achieved only as we follow that inner guiding voice of the lamb that leads us through a regeneration process, going from glory to glory until we come to that perfect man in Christ.

We all know How the Father was so delighted to see His son who was LOST in the land of forgetfulness and found; a son who was DEAD but suddenly came back to life. It reveals the mind of our heavenly Father, who is out there waiting to receive His sons back into His kingdom. This is contrary to the rebuke and reluctance the son had expected from the Father. We are beginning to clearly understand now that it is the Father's pleasure to give His kingdom to all who come knocking on the door. Any one who asks for bread receives bread unto life; any one who seeks the place of life in the Father will find it, anyone who knocks on the eternal gates of God's kingdom will be granted entrance. The Father never closes the door on any one neither does He lock out men forever as the fables of religion teach us. All that man needs to do is to repent and head back to the Father with a diligent heart.

A bash was thrown for the son, and they all partied merrily with joy. This is the eternal love feast in the knowledge of the Father and the son; all who are saved partake of this feasting and dancing in the spirit with Joy. The Father's presence is the joy of the whole earth where the brethren fellowship continuously unto the name of the Father and the Son.

The Son was also given a signet, which is symbolic of the Father's signature and authority; He was dressed with the best robe and was given shoes to wear. What the Father was portraying by this gesture was the exaltation of His son back to the place of power and authority in His Household. The ring talks of the authority and power of the Father being bestowed on the son; this is the dominion and power with which we rule and reign in Christ.

The robe talks about the heavenly splendor and righteousness of the saints; it is that same glorious light covering, which we lost in our Adam-like descent into flesh and blood. No one can walk before the presence of the Father with boldness without that covering of light because a sense of nakedness is revealed.

The shoe is the power and authority to put all the powers of the enemy under our feet, without being hurt. Isn't it written, that those who have believed will tread upon scorpions and serpents? [**Psalms 91:13**], [**Luke 10:19**]. Those scorpions and serpents are the principalities and powers of this Dark Age that have killed us with their lies. They are beliefs of this age that widen the sense of separation between us and our heritage in God. As we awaken by the truth of God's kingdom, no more will these false beliefs blind us anymore from our heritage in God.

The Prodigal son in His exaltation is similar to Joseph in the day He was exalted above all the Egyptians. Joseph was given the ring of Pharaoh, which was the ultimate sign of Pharaoh's Authority over Egypt. Joseph was also arraigned in fine line clothes and gold chains, which spiritually points to the righteousness of the saints. Pharaoh in this scenario was a shadow of God the Father, while Joseph was one worthy to be His son (Christ). At the name of Joseph, every knee was to bow because seeing Him was like see the Pharaoh. This same Joseph was good as dead in the jail house pits of Egypt until He was raised up from the pit to the throne.

All those who rediscover themselves the same way as the prodigal son did, will rule upon the throne of God the Father because this is the way. We have to take these words of truth and meditate on them in night season so that the day dawns in our heart when we realize that we are Him who is the only true God. How privileged are we when we allow the spirit within to fellowship with us.

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

