

Expository Sermon

Title: The Two Prodigals

Subject: True Repentance vs: Selfish Complacency

1. Leaving our place in God to live in the world.

a. Leaving our place with the Father for the world.

Luke 15:11-12(NKJV)

¹¹ 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.

b. Hitting the bottom in the world.

Luke 15:13-16 (NKJV)

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*.

2. Being Humbled.

a. True repentance brings you to a place of humility.

Luke 15:17-18 (NKJV)

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,

b. True repentance causes you to admit your faults and be willing to serve.

Luke 15:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.””

3. The Father always rejoices when we come to Him.

a. Regardless of our sin, Father God always has compassion on us and welcomes us home.

b. Father God forgives us and restores us

Luke 15:22-24 (NKJV)

²² “But 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.

4. Jealousy and a spirit of entitlement.

1. Jealousy separated the older brother from the father.

a. The older brother’s jealousy hardened his heart toward the repentance and return of his younger brother.

Luke 15:27-31 (NKJV)

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, ‘Lo, 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.

b. The older had a spirit of entitlement, believing that he was owed everything.

When we live in or are restored in the covenant, all that Father God has is ours. When we see a fallen brother repent, we don’t judge them but rejoice that they are restored to the Father.