The Prodigal's Father

Greg Kline · Luke 15:11–32

INTRODUCTION

- I want to analyze the Father. And I want to analyze how that father truly represents our Father, that is God.
- And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, This man receives sinners and eats with them.
- Just so I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

1 The Father's Giving

Proverbs 16:18; Romans 2:1–5; Genesis 1:26–27

- The first facet that we learn here from this portion of the text is we learn about the father's giving.
- This father knew what was going on. He knew what his son might do. But you notice the father gives anyway.
- Pride comes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.
- Blessings are only blessings. Riches are only riches if you have them and you use them wisely.
- Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?
- God had the choice to give us free will, and he gave it to us knowing full well that meant that some would choose to live against him.

2 The Father's Commitment

Luke 15:17–24

- But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion and ran and embraced him and kissed him.
- The father had a commitment to the son. It didn't matter how far off he had gone. It didn't matter how spiteful he had been.
- God is waiting for you just like the father was waiting for his son.
- Sometimes children think they know more than their parents. But more scary is that sometimes we think we know more than God.
- Because the Father is waiting, why shouldn't we?
- As we truly are children of God, we need to know that there is nothing that we can do that God will not forgive us of.

3 The Father's Perspective

Ephesians 3:20; 1 John 1:9; Luke 15:25–32

- God sees the big picture, he knows it's not just about this life.
- There is no too far gone with our God.

- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- For this, my son was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.
- The elder son didn't lose anything by rejoicing in the return of the younger son.
- We shouldn't look at what God has done for other people or be distracted by the things of this earth and leave the love of God.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Obeying God takes sacrifice. The choice is yours if it's worth it. Because the truth is, whether you agree or disagree, it is.**

MY NOTES