

The Confession of the Offender – The Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-24

I. The “Blessings” of Fleshly living:

- A. Fleshly living
- B. Far country
- C. Foolish spending
- D. Famine
- E. Feeding pigs

II. The Confession of the Offender

- A. He realized what he lost – v. 16
- B. He realized it was his wrong choice and wrong actions that caused the loss – v. 17
- C. He made the right choice and predetermined the right actions (set out, go, and say) – v. 18-19
- D. He was intentional to meet and confess – he did not turn back, he didn’t wait for “time” to bring healing – v. 20
- E. He acknowledged his sin before God and man – v. 21
- F. He sought forgiveness – even at his own expense – v. 19, 21
- G. He prepared beforehand for that plea – (not confrontation, negotiation)
 - 1. How – what is the heart attitude? Prideful, humbled, half-hearted, both share blame, “evil for evil”
 - 2. Who – are there any others that I have offended in this process
 - 3. What – name the sin, see how it appears before God
 - 4. When – pick the right time
 - 5. Where – pick the right place, not a restaurant or with other people around who can see or interfere
 - 6. Why – why am I confessing and seeking forgiveness? Because of what the other did? To clear my conscience before God or to get right with God.

III. The _____ Brother – Luke 15:25-32 – The Confession of the _____