

The Prodigal Son: Part One

Luke 15:1-3,11-20

Introduction

Have you ever missed the point of something? That's what happens with the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

I. The Setting | Vs. 1-3

- A. Tax collectors and sinners correspond to the younger brother.
- B. Pharisees & teachers of the Law are represented by the older brother.
- C. Motives behind the crowd:
 - 1. Sinners – “What can Jesus do for me?”
 - 2. Religious – “How dare Jesus reach out to sinners.”

II. The Two Lost Brothers | Vs. 11

- A. The lost younger brother.
 - 1. A request | Vs. 12
 - 2. Disrespect | Vs. 12
 - 3. Response | Vs. 12
 - 4. His shameful misconduct | Vs. 13
 - a. Running away
 - b. Liquidated all his assets
 - c. Road to ruin
 - d. Spent it all
 - e. Pursued by providence | Vs. 14
 - f. The party was over
 - 5. His Turning point:
 - a. He came to his senses. | Vs. 17
 - b. His first thought was about how he could get back to his father and home. | Vs. 17-18
 - c. He was determined to walk away from sin.
 - d. He turned and headed home.

III. Lessons From the Younger Son

- A. God does not always get in the way of our sinful desires.
- B. The deception of sin.
- C. Sin will always disappoint.
- D. Sin will enslave.
- E. Repentance is a heart turning back to God.

Conclusion

God is always waiting for us to turn and come back to Him so he can forgive and celebrate as we will see next week.