

Parables of Luke
Session #10: March 19, 2017
“The Parable of the Lost Son”
Or
“The Parable of the Gracious Father” (Part #2)
Luke 15:20

Introduction:

Review:

What provokes Jesus to tell the 3 “Lost Item” Parables of Luke 15? (Cf. 15:1-2)

What is the theme of the 3 Parables of Luke 15?

Specifically, what provokes God and Heaven to rejoice?

- I. A Soul Lost and Found (11-21)
 - A) A Fool’s Request (11-12)
 - B) A Fool’s Errand (13)
 - C) A Fool’s End (14-17)
 - D) A Change of Mind (17)
 - E) A Willful Resolve to Turn Away from Sin (18)
 - F) A Change of Heart (18-20a)
 - G) Confession of Sin (21)
 - H) A Change of Action (21)

Explain how Luke 15:20 is the “central concept” (or the pivot point) of the entire parable:

Repentance – A Change of _____ about Sin Resulting in a Change of _____

What action on the part of the father caused the younger son to “go up” and simultaneously the older brother to “go down”?

II. A Soul Searched For and Found (20-21)

A) The Son’s Spiritual Return (20a, 21)

What does the younger son do that demonstrates the authenticity of his repentance?

What does the son receive that he wasn’t counting on?

2 Common Misconceptions about Grace:

Misconception #1 - _____

➤ Explain what is wrong with this belief:

Misconception #2 - _____

➤ Explain what is wrong with this belief:

Grace, for It to Be Grace, Must Be Given – Not Earned!

How might the “average Jewish first-century father” receive back a son that had taken and squandered his inheritance in this way?

B) The Father’s Unexpected Response (20b)

List the Two “Dishonorable” (In The Estimation of that Society) Things This Father Does:

#1 - _____

#2 - _____

It is Important to Notice that This Father Takes On Himself His Son's Reproach!

Explain how Christ endured our reproach:

➤ 2 Corinthians 8:9 –

➤ 2 Corinthians 5:21 –

➤ Isaiah 53:1-10

Answer these questions for yourself:

Who sinned? Him (Christ) or me? _____

Who went astray? Him or me? _____

Who committed iniquity and transgressed and rebelled? Him or me? _____

Who acted violently and filled his mouth with deceit? Him or me _____

Who deserves sorrow? Him or me? _____

Whose name should be called “man of sorrows”? Him or me? _____

Who deserves to be afflicted and pierced through for sin? Him or me? _____

Who should be made to grieve? Him or me? _____

Who deserves to be crushed under the weight of God's wrath? Him or me? _____

This Father Represents Christ/God. The Son Represents _____!