

The Prodigal Son: His Departure (Luke 15:11-32) (Pt I. vv.11-16)

Last week we considered: 2nd of Jesus' parables: parable of the lost coin.

We noted all three parables have the same central truth, various aspects

Contrast: Father's love for sinners & Pharisees' criticism of Jesus (15:1-2)

Central truth, God loves sinners and eagerly desires that they be saved.

Mistake: parable is not talking about believers in the household of faith

This parable is about two different kinds of sinners in household of Israel

Prodigal: represent the sinners who are repenting & coming to Jesus

Older brother: the Pharisees who are despising Jesus for receiving sinners

I. A Father, his Sons and an Inheritance (15:11)

- a. the younger son demands his inheritance from his father
- b. the younger son's attitude towards his father

II. The Freedom that Brings Bondage (15:12,13)

- a. As soon as he got his inheritance, he left his father's house
- b. His journey took him to the far country
- c. He wasted his inheritance in prodigal living in the far country

III. The Prodigal's Humble Realization (15:14-19)

- a. He spent all
- b. There arose a great famine in the land
- c. He began to be in want
- d. He joined himself to a citizen of that land- he tried to save himself