

The Prodigal Son: The Elder Brother (Luke 15: 25-32)

I. The Prodigal Son: His Departure

- a. A father, his sons and an inheritance (15:11)
- b. The freedom that brings bondage (15:12,13)
- c. The prodigal's humble realization (15:14-19)

II. The Prodigal Son: The Father's Forgiveness and Joy (Lk 15:17-24)

- a. The Prodigal Came to Himself (15:17-19)
- b. He Came to his father, the father forgave Him (15: 20)
- c. The Prodigal Son's Joyful Reception (15:21-24)

III. The Prodigal Son: the Elder brother (scandal of grace) (15:25-32) Pt I

Jesus' character of the elder brother is aimed at exposing the Pharisees

Pharisees despise Jesus for receiving sinners – they believe he is of Satan

These three parables tell us that God Himself takes joy in saving sinners

Bringing the threads together: Review vv.11-24

I. A Scandalous Reaction (15: 25-28a)

V. 25 “older son was in the field” not in the house – away from the father

“When he approached the house, he heard music & dancing”

V. 26 “he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant”

“And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and

V.27 “he received him safe & sound, your father killed the fatted calf”

V 28 “But he was angry and would not go in”

28, “And his father came out and began entreating him.

29 He said to *his* father, “Lo, these many years I have been serving you”

“I never transgressed your commandment at any time”

you never gave me a young goat...I might make merry with my friends

II. A Scandalous Response (15:31-32)

v. 31 ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours’

“It was right that we should make merry and be glad”

“for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is” found.’ ”