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Reading: Luke chapter 15 verses 11-24

Subject: Prodigal Son

Two subjects for consideration:-

1. The Wayward Son
2. The Father's Welcome

As far as the son is concerned, he left his father and wasted his earnings in the far country. He wasted his life on the things of the world. It is easy for us to waste our life on the pleasures of this world.

The son was going to admit he had sinned. We need to come and admit we are a sinner. King David had sat before the Lord with heavy heart because he had sinned.

The prodigal stated he was not worthy to be called a son. None of us is worthy of what we have been brought into. Has there been a day you admitted you were unworthy?

In contrast to each one of us, who are like the prodigal son, the Bible speaks about God's only Son, who was sinless, but who came to die on the cross. He says of Him, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased" (Matt 3:17). There is no Gospel without the cross. The One in Whom we must trust died for you and for me. On the cross He paid the price that you and I could not pay; He was "Made sin for us" (2 Co 5:21). He paid the price in His precious blood (1 Peter 1: 19).

At Calvary He fought a battle I could not fight. A battle with Satan He defeated him who had the power of death that is the devil (Heb 2:14). He died He was buried and He rose on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day from the dead. (1 Cor 15:3,4).

He now sits on the right hand of the throne of God (Heb 1:4). God was satisfied with the offering of His Son. We do not preach one who is dead but one who is on the right hand on high. Do we really believe it?

He quenched a fire that could not be quenched. Under the law the fire did not go out because sacrifices had to be repeatedly offered a sacrifice that ended all sacrifices (Lev 6:13).

He is still going to be King. Nations may come against Israel but one day God will intervene and send down fire. Israel will become a leading nation. God will work, Christ will be all and in all. He has prepared a place we could never prepare - we will sit down in heaven. Every sinner in this world is perishing (John 3v16).

The Son said, "I will arise and go" - There was repentance. Do you have a time when you came to know Christ as your personal Saviour?

The response of the father was to fall on his neck and kiss him: he was glad his son was back. We will get garments of salvation placed upon us if we are truly saved. We can never be lost (John 10:28). Once in Him in Him forever. We have shoes on feet: a different walk. What a contrast with his brother who

claimed never to have transgressed against his father.