

Luke 15: 11–22



And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to[a] one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.

“Where God’s happiness is, their self-righteousness cannot come. If God is good to the sinner, what avails my righteousness”





The son's realization

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The son's realization



The world will always:

1. Overuse you
2. Discard of you when your worth/value is depleted
3. Move on with or without you (with no concern of either)



THE PURSUIT

Requires realization on our part



THE PURSUIT

Continues with the realization of who is around

The son left with full Knowledge



- The son knew the value of the Father
- The son knew the danger that could occur outside of the father's protection
- The son logically and soundly asked for what was His and left
- The son removed himself therefore causing no reason for the father to pursue him



THE PURSUIT



THE PURSUIT

Ends here with
a final
realization

He realized who he had sinned against



- It was evident at this point that Jesus was not speaking of an earthly father rather He was speaking of the Heavenly Father.
- He sinned against HEAVEN and His Father (Jesus)

He came to Himself and then . . .



- He decided to do something about it (make it right)
- He went to His father in genuine repentance
- He asked for forgiveness from Heaven as well
- He sought pardon not the replenishment of everything

He came to Himself and then . . .



- We need to do something about it (make it right)
- We need to go to the father in genuine repentance
- We need to ask for forgiveness from Heaven as well
- We need to seek pardon not the replenishment of everything