

# The Parable of the Prodigal Son

## Luke 15:11-32

### Luke 15 King James Version

<sup>11</sup> And he said, A certain man had two sons:

<sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

<sup>13</sup> And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

<sup>14</sup> And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

<sup>15</sup> And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

<sup>16</sup> And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

<sup>17</sup> And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

<sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

<sup>19</sup> And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

<sup>20</sup> And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup> And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

<sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

<sup>23</sup> And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

<sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

<sup>25</sup> Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.

<sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.

<sup>27</sup> And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

<sup>28</sup> And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.

<sup>29</sup> And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:

<sup>30</sup> But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

<sup>31</sup> And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

<sup>32</sup> It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.