

HIS FATHER SAW HIM AND RAN

LUKE 15

Text: Luke 15:20

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Introduction:

We have here a picture that reveals several things.
Notice

1. THE SINNERS PLACE

A. Selfish

(Luke 15:12) "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."

B. Reckless Living

(Luke 15:13) "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."

C. Miserable Plight

(Luke 15:14) "And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want."

D. Despairing Effort

(Luke 15:15) "And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine."

1. He had willingly given away and wasted his substance, and now he is compelled to give himself.
2. In the muck and mire of the world.

E. Friendless Condition

(Luke 15:16) "And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him."

1. No man will ever give a sin-wasted sinner what he needs

F. A great way off

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1. Not in their right mind

2. THE SINNERS PRIVILEGE

(Luke 15:18-19) "I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, {19} And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants."

A. Come to the Father

(John 7:37) "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."

B. Seek His forgiveness

3. SINNERS PROMISE

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- A. The returning sinner was seen from afar by the Father.
- B. He was recognized as a son is known by his Father
- C. He was shown compassion.
- D. The Father ran to meet him.

(Luke 19:10) "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Illustration:

God will pardon a repentant sinner more quickly than a mother would snatch her child out of a fire.

Close:

When either God or man is strongly moved the pace is running. A soul in distress runs to Jesus: God in compassion runs to meet them.

A slow pace is evidence of an unwilling heart; hence delay to repent is a deadly sign. With sin within thee Christ before thee time pressing thee eternity awaiting thee Hell beneath thee Heaven above thee, O sinner thou mayest well run!