

THE PRODIGAL

I. THE YOUNGEST SON

Luke 15:11-13 Greek

(11) A man had 2 sons.

(12) And said the younger of them to his father, “Give to me that falling to me portion of the property. And he divided to them the living.

(13) And after not many days having gathered together, the younger son went away into a country distant, and there wasted his property living dissolutely.

- A. The son asked the property be sold and the money given to him.
- B. He was entitled to 1/3 of the property and goods, and his older brother the rest, 2/3.
- C. He ran into famine – no one gave to him.
- D. He had left the land of blessing.
- E. He was told he could fight the pigs for a husk of corn.

II. REPENTENCE

- A. The young man came to himself.
- B. Jews teach that when you rebel you have gone temporarily insane.
- C. He came against his father. God was not listening to him. He came under a curse.
- D. Hit the bottom. Wanted to go home. Knew he was not worthy of mercy.

III. FATHER AND SON MEET

- A. The Father had been watching the road a long time.
- B. The Father didn't go after him but waited for him to come home.
- C. When the prodigal son returned the father:
 - 1. Saw him
 - 2. Had compassion on him
 - 3. Ran to fall on his neck and kissed him
- D. The younger son's reaction:
 - 1. Confessed and repented.
 - 2. Said, “I have sinned against heaven and against you.”
 - 3. Said, “I am no longer worthy to be called your son.

IV. THE FATHER'S RESTORATION

- A. The father gave him a robe. He belongs to this family.
- B. Gave him a ring on his finger – restored his authority.
- C. Gave him shoes for his feet – no longer a slave but an owner.
- D. Killed the fatted calf for a celebration.

V. OLDER SON'S REACTION

- A. Angry – “I’ve been obeying you all this time.”
- B. “No one gave me a banquet.”
- C. The father said, “All I have is yours, son.”
- D. “Rejoice, your brother was dead but is alive.”