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The Parable of the Prodigal pt. 3
The Reception By the Father

I. The Return to the Father

- A. Why returning to the father was odd – he was the one most **o**_____ and hurt by the boy's choices.
- B. Why returning to the father was essential – he was the only one who could **h**_____.

II. The Reception by the Father

- A. He ran, laying aside his **d**_____, even as Christ laid aside His glory.
- B. The bestowal of sonship

III. The Refusal of the older brother

- A. He did not understand **g**_____.
- B. At story's end the older son is missing the _____.

IV. The Reasons of the Story-Teller

- A. So sinners would **r**_____.
- B. So the self-righteous would appreciate **g**_____.
- C. So all would _____ God for loving sinners.

Scripture References:

Luke 15:20a So he got up and came to his father.

Luke 15:18-19 I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.”

Luke 15:20 So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

1 John 3:1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God.

Psalms 34:8 O taste and see that the Lord is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.

Luke 15:21 “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”

Luke 15:22 But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.”

Luke 15:23-24 Bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found. And they began to celebrate.

Luke 15:25-32 Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things could be. ²⁷And he said to him, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.” ²⁸But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began pleading with him. ²⁹But he answered and said to his father,

“Look! For so many years I have been serving you and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends; ³⁰but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.” ³¹And he said to him, “Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.”

Luke 15:1-2 Now all the tax collectors and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him. ²Both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

John 1:12 As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.