

Salvation: Three Pictures in Three Parables ~ concluded

by Wayne Goff

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to his previous condition, but for only the mercy of becoming a hired servant among his Father's servants (v. 19)!

The Father's great patience, love and forgiveness are manifested by the wonderful reception given to this lost son by his Father (vv. 20-24)! Likewise, God the Father is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance, **2 Peter 3:9**. He can forgive and forget our sinful deeds, **Hebrews 8:12**. It is **WE** who must learn to forgive *ourselves*, put our past behind us, and come gladly back to our Heavenly Father.

Conclusion

Three pictures are seen in three parables of **Luke 15**: (1) The lost of the world who need to return to God and their first state of righteousness; (2) The lost in the church who need to be found in sincerity and service to God; and (3) The lost of the church who have gone back to the world and its sinful pleasure. In all of these pictures, there is one constant message: **if you have the heart to return to God, there is mercy and forgiveness!**

There is **no case** where someone is not wanted by God. Every one of us who is lost or who has been lost can see ourselves in one of these three pictures. No one is so bad that God does not want him back (see **1 Timothy 1:15**). No one is so good that he does not need forgiveness from God, **Romans 3:23**. No one is so far gone that he cannot return **IF** he has the heart to come home!

Gospel Meeting ~ October 308, 2021

by Adonis Bailey

Sunday 10:30 a.m. ~ **All I Really Need To Know, I Learned In The Garden Of Eden**

Sunday 5:00 p.m. ~ **Attitude Toward The Overtaken**

Monday 7:00 p.m. ~ **The Doctrine On Doctrine**

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. ~ **Doing Right, Regardless!**

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. ~ **The Prudence of Abram**

Thursday 7:00 p.m. ~ **Two Families – Two Perspectives**

Friday 7:00 p.m. ~ **What Is The State Of Your Salvation?**

Adonis Bailey will present these lessons beginning next Sunday. They will do all of us a lot of good – if we attend, listen, and make a personal application. It is my hope and prayer that all of us will have already set our priorities to attend and to make the necessary arrangements to be present. Twice each year we have a special week of sermons set aside to build up our members and to offer visitors the opportunity to learn of God's Word. Christians should determine to do everything they can to attend, and to invite others. We should not be conjuring up our usual excuses for being absent. After all, when we take "vacation" time, we do not let anything interfere with that now do we?! Let's support the preaching of the Gospel by our presence.

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