



The Return of The Prodigal Son - “Reform”

Luke 15: 17-19 - But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants. (heart of humility).

Opening Prayer - Precious Father, in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I am coming to you with a heart of worship, please have mercy upon me as I acknowledge my wrongdoing, amen.

Request	Release	Replace	Results
Reform - Repentance			

5. Re-examine (realize, regret,) - **Reform** (repentance, resettlement)

A. Observation

In our life, there will always be a time to make a great decision. And the most significant decision is not about buying a home, building a house, searching for a job, having kids, etc.

Believe me, the great decision in lifetime is **to confess our sins to God.** **Luke 23:42 states, "Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."**

This criminal on the cross did a lot in his life, until he came to his senses like the prodigal son, and requested Jesus to forgive him.

Repentance lies at the heart of the words of humankind. To "**Came to his senses**" seems to carry the Semitic idea of repentance. Indeed, we can say that repentance was resting at the heart of the words that the son prepared to tell his father.

This is true repentance - confession of sin, genuine sorrow, and humility because of sin. This prodigal son realized that his offence was not only against his earthly father but in the most profound sense against heaven against God himself.

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

B. Application

Various things stop people from remembering where things went wrong in their relationship with God. There things that will prevent you from coming back to your senses:

1. The uncertainty/ambiguity about what to confess: There are things that we do and not be aware of their repercussion in our relationship with God. **James 4: 17 - Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do, yet fails to do it, is guilty of sin.**

- It is a command for a believer to pray; to worship God, & to give to the Lord
- It is a call for Christian to be a good citizen
- It is a mandate for followers of Christ to denounce the wrongdoing
- It is a law for people to be peacemakers

Recommendation: We must have a good Re-examination of our conscience because our conscience gives us an awareness of what is right and what and wrong.

But when he came to himself, he said,I will arise and go to my father, and confess my sin to him.

Only Jesus Christ can cleanse the conscience of man: Hebrews 9:14 - how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 10:22 - let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Political and Religious Leaders need a Clear Conscience: **1 Timothy 3:9 - holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.**

When a person comes to Jesus Christ, their conscience can function as it was initially created. Otherwise, the conscience cannot correctly lead them to worship the true God. **A corrupted conscience cannot rightly worship God.**

2. The shame of mentioning our sin to other: There is no shame in the matter that touches our spirituality. **James 5: 16 - Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.**

Luke 9: 26 - *For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.*

- Prodigal son looked beyond being ashamed and went back to his father
- The Thief while on the cross looked beyond being ashamed and call on Jesus
- Peter looked beyond being ashamed and called on Jesus to recede him
- Do the same, and you will be saved

3. The incorporation of sin in daily life. We always do things, which are examples of sin in everyday life, and this is what we call pride.

Philippians 2:3 - *When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble and give more honour to others than to yourselves.*

- **The requiring lying for one's lifestyle to continue**
 - Imposing of drug use
 - Imposing vaccine with deadly side-effect
- **Supremacism** is the belief that a particular race, religion, gender, belief system or culture is superior to others and entitles those who identify with it to dominate, control or rule those who do not.

1 Timothy 4: 12 - *Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*

- **Sexism:** the social belief that one gender is better than the other, or deserves better treatment than the other (Male education Vs Female)
- **Religious extremism:** is a religious belief that claims to justify doing things by any means possible.
- **Racism:** is a social belief that one tradition, culture, or heritage is better than the others
- **Cursing:** is where you swear or use bad language. Or saying God's name in vain.

Romans 14:10 - *Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;*