



The Return of The Prodigal Son - “Results.”

Luke 15: 14-16 - About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. **The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.**

Opening Prayer - The Rock of ages, help us that we may not be conformed with the things of this world, but that woman be renewed by the truth of your word, in Jesus name,

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4. Results (consequences, concerns, problems, issues, outcomes)

A. Observation

Remember that popularity and human approval do not necessarily indicate God's approval of a situation. - Verse 13 of Luke 15 says that - he moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living.

The consequences or results of sin cause man to want - **Haggai 1:6** - *You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes!*

Exactly, this is what is happening in the life of the prodigal son: **there is an immediate need that requires immediate attention.** Unfortunately, no one gives him a chance, even from what they consider as apostasy to the children of Israel.

Pork, and the refusal to eat it, possesses powerful cultural baggage for Jews. Israel has legislated two related laws: the Pork Law in 1962, that bans the rearing and slaughter of pigs across the country, and the Meat Law of 1994, prohibiting all imports of nonkosher meats into Israel. - **In Leviticus 11:27 God forbids Moses and his followers to eat pig.**

Sin made him request even what has a restriction on him - feeding and eating pig's food. The wasteful (prodigal) son went from grace to grass - and this is what we call spiritual destitution. - **Ephesians 2:12** - *In those days, you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the*

covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope.

A church or a believer who refuses repentance is a real type of moral and spiritual bankruptcy - Example of the Laodicean Church

Revelation 3:17 - You say, "I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing! And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.

God provides care and protection for those who resist his mercy.

1 Samuel 2: 8 He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump. He sets them among princes, placing them in seats of honour. For all the earth is the Lord's, and he has set the world in order.

B. Application: Resistance to repentance results to:

1. **Spiritual dissatisfaction:** feeding on worldly food instead of God's word.

Isaiah 55:2 - Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food.

How do we know the Bible was given to us to be our food?

- **1 Peter 2:2** - "As newborn babes, long for the sincere milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation."
- **1 Timothy 4:6** - "Being nourished with the words of the faith."

One of the distinguishing marks of a mature believer is the ability to feed himself or herself from the Word of God.

2. **Mental degradation:** no shame of misbehaviour.

2 Peter 2:19b - 22 - **For you are a slave to whatever controls you.** And when people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then get tangled up and enslaved by sin again, they are worse off than before. It would be better if they had never known the way to righteousness than to know it and then reject the command they were given to live a holy life.

They prove the truth of this proverb: "A dog returns to its vomit." And another says, "A washed pig returns to the mud."

3. **Spiritual deterioration:** a tendency of the sinful life - a sign of someone who has a spiritual decline is when the person has lost the ability and capability to listen to the

truth. - **2 Kings 21:9** - *But the people refused to listen, and Manasseh led them to do even more evil than the pagan nations that the Lord had destroyed when the people of Israel entered the land.*

4. **Spiritual deafness:** Inability to hear God, or to return to the truth, to follow was is right, to practice faith, etc.

Isaiah 6: 9 - 10 - *And he said, "Yes, go, and say to this people, 'Listen carefully, but do not understand. Watch closely, but learn nothing.' Plug their ears and shut their eyes. That way, they will not see with their eyes, nor hear with their ears, nor understand with their hearts and turn to me for healing."*

5. **Spiritual Displeasure:** Loss of Spiritual enthusiasm - **Revelation 2: 4** - *But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first!*
6. **Spiritual Destruction:** loss beyond repair - **Genesis 6:17** - *Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die.*
7. **Spiritual Dead:** Spiritual death is when a person is alive physically, but dead spiritually. All of us are born spiritually dead, separated from God. The Lord said to Adam. Being separated from God - **Genesis 2:17** - *But you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.*

C. Conclusion

What we need to know that evil behaviour originates in the heart of man: Jesus motivates believers to live righteously by emphasizing that such living comes from the heart through faith with love and in trust, more than through observance of an external code of ethics.

Isaiah 2:17 - *The arrogance of man will be brought low and human pride humbled; the LORD alone will be exalted in that day,*

Proverbs 16:18 - *Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.*

Proverbs 13:20 - *Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.*