

Knowing God as Father



Part 3



“There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. Luke 15:11-13 NIV



This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live.

Deuteronomy 30:19 NIV



After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. Luke 15:14-16 NIV



A HANDOUT TO THE PRODIGAL SON
WOULD HAVE ONLY EXTENDED HIS STAY
IN THE PIG PEN!



When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. Luke 15:17-20 NIV



“REPENTANCE” (Greek *metanoia*) --
“a change of mind that leads to a
change of behavior.”



**REPENTANCE WITHOUT CHANGE IS
NOT TRUE REPENTANCE.**



*Prove by the way you live that you have
repented of your sins and turned to God.
Matthew 3:8 NLT*



**REPENTANCE REQUIRES HUMILITY
AND BROKENNESS.**



My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. Psalm 51:17



“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. Luke 15:20 NIV



The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities... As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

Psalm 103:8-10, 13-14 NIV



“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.
Luke 15:22-24 NIV



THE ROBE: signifies honor and acceptance.



THE RING: signifies authority and family identity.



**THE SANDALS: signified freedom and
sonship.**

