

“The Parable of the Loving Father”

Luke 15:11-32

I. Introduction – Luke 15:2

II. Three Characters – Exo. 20:12; 1 John 2:16-17; John 8:34; Rom. 6:23; 2:4; 4:5; John 5:24; Matt. 22:34-40; 23:25

A. The Younger Son

1. He _____ his inheritance
2. He squandered his _____
3. Sin promises _____, but brings _____
4. Sin promises _____, but the wages of sin is _____
5. He _____ or changed his mind

B. The Father

1. He had been _____ & waiting for his son
2. In compassion, he _____ to his son
3. He forgave his son's _____
4. He accepted the prodigal son back as a _____
5. He celebrated the return of his _____ son

C. The Older Son

1. He had broken both of God's _____
2. He was _____
3. He was full of _____
4. There was no _____ in his heart
5. He missed the joy of pleasing his _____

III. Conclusion – Rom. 3:23; 5:8; John 3:16; Rom. 10:9; Matt. 5:21-24; 18:21-35; Eph. 4:32

A. When you made Jesus your Lord and Savior there was _____ in heaven

B. If we hold an unforgiving attitude toward others, we cannot be in _____ with God