

## The Path Home

### LUKE 15:1-2

1. Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.
2. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

### LUKE 15:7

7. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

### LUKE 15:10-16

10. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.
11. And he said, A certain man had two sons:
12. And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.
13. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.
14. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.
15. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.
16. And he would [fain] have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

### GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 1937

*epithumeo* {ep-ee-thoo-meh'-o}

- 1) to turn upon a thing, to have a desire for, long for, to desire; to lust after, covet, of those who seek things forbidden

### LUKE 15:17-32

17. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
18. I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,
19. And am no more worthy to be called thy son: **make me as one of thy hired servants.**
20. And he arose, and came to his father. **But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.**
21. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.
22. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and **put it on him;** and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:
23. And bring hither **the fatted calf,** and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

24. *For this my son was dead, and is alive again; **he was lost, and is found.** And they began to be merry. 25. Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing. 26. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. 27. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. 28. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. 29. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: 30. But as soon as this **thy son** was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. 31. And he said unto him, **Son**, thou art ever with me, and **all that I have is thine.** 32. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this **thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.***

#### GOD PERFECTING HIS CHURCH [54-1204]

God hasn't cast you away. The prodigal son was a backslider, but the father was more than glad to receive him.

#### WE WOULD SEE JESUS [62-0712]

...God stands with a hand out ready to receive the prodigal as he returns.

#### HAVE FAITH IN GOD [58-0510]

I see a boy, someone's praying about; he's drinking. The lady right there, that elderly lady. You're praying for a son of yours, that's drinking, gets drunk. Stand up to your foot just a minute, lady. Do you believe that God would sober that boy, and send him home to you, and make a Christian out of him? Lord God, of heaven, I pray for that dear mother and for that boy, may he come to himself like the prodigal son and return, in Jesus' Name. Amen. Don't doubt. If thou canst believe.

#### THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM [55-1118]

Here some time ago, I was up in the mountains a few weeks ago. And way back in a big snowdrift there, I seen a little tent, just the top of it sticking out. And I went over there to talk to this man, and come to find out that he was from... He was a Hollander. He said, "Are you the minister that usually hunts back in here?"

I said, "Yes, sir. I am."

He said, "You know, I once was a Christian." Said, "I left Holland about thirty years ago." And said, "You know what my father read to me? The last thing he read..." And we was setting there by a little old, camp, shepherders stove, if you know what it is, way back, snow waist deep.

And he... I said, "No, sir."

He said, "He read to me out of the Bible that return of the prodigal son, put his arms around me, and give me his blessings, as I sailed for the United States." Said, "I got a mother over there now at Amsterdam," which we're to visit right away. I got her address and things to see her, said, "eighty something years old. My father's been gone on years ago."

I said, "Where's his prodigal at?" Said, "**Don't you think it's just about time.**"

Well, he kind of shook out of it. The next day we were hunting together; up on the top of the mountain, after we'd dressed out some deer, laying up there, he come walking over to me, took me by the hand, and he said, "Brother Preacher?"

I said, "Yes, sir."

"You know what you was talking to me about last night?"

And I said, "Yes, sir."

Said, "I want to do that right now."

I said, "Here's a good place, right here."

We knelt down, kicked the snow off of an old stump there, and made an altar out of it; there I led him to the Lord Jesus. A lovely, sweet Christian, just wrote him a card awhile ago. Oh, **God's got them scattered everywhere. Stop a little while and look around; we can all do something for the Lord.** Don't you believe so? Why, that was just as sweet a time as it was with me when I was in South Africa where I know it's the biggest altar call I made of, knowingly, where thirty-thousand heathens come to Christ at one time.

Right up there in that snow, and us kneeling on the ground, wet, plumb up, under our arms when we raised up from the place, the moisture, the heat from our body melting the snow. But that soul had been borned again, up there in them pine needles, on top of the mountains in Colorado.

#### CHURCH AGE BOOK

**A son of God can go a long time before he recognizes that he is a son.**

#### SPIRITUAL AMNESIA [64-0411]

You may come to yourself, like the prodigal son did, and find yourself. You might find your identification in the Words of God.

#### REVELATION CHAPTER 5 PT2 [61-0618]

The prodigal son went away and left his inheritance, and he took part of it with him. When he returned back, his inheritance--his inheritance was defiled. But if you've run away from yours, it's not so with the Kingdom of God, **we receive an incorruptible inheritance.** Don't you want to receive It?