He Spent All

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Bible Text

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St. Luke 15:18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

St. Luke 15:19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

St. Luke 15:20 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.

St. Luke 15:21 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.

St. Luke 15:22 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:

St. Luke 15:23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

St. Luke 15:24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

St. Luke 15:25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.

St. Luke 15:26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.

St. Luke 15:27 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.

St. Luke 15:28 And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.

St. Luke 15:29 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:

St. Luke 15:30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

St. Luke 15:31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

St. Luke 15:32 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.

Study

The Pharisees and Scribes complained that the Lord Jesus Christ receives sinners and eats with them; then the Lord decided to make the thing they do not know known to them and telling them different parables about the man whose sheep strayed out of the one hundred and how the man went after it to bring it back then called on his friends and neighbors to rejoice with him when he found it. It's the same with the woman who had ten silver coins but one got missing and when she found it she also rejoiced. The Lord made it clear that there is always joy in heaven over every sinner that repents. The will of God is that sinners should come to repentance and He is always glad when they do so, this was why the Lord Jesus Christ came.

To explain this deeply, the Lord told a story about the prodigal son. The word prodigal means something characterized by profuse or wasteful expenditure, reckless spending, when it is used to refer to a person it means someone who spends or gives lavishly and foolishly. **Luke 15:11 KJV** And he said, A certain man had two sons: He says there are two sons who are under the care of their father. They were biological children of the man and not slaves, they bore their father's name, carried his nature, they have been trained by their father right from childhood up to the stage they are now. People know them well as the children of their father. It is even possible that they resemble their father facially and once anyone who knows their father sees them he might have been able to trace them to their father because they are his blood.

Luke 15:12 KJV 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. The younger of the two sons came to their father to request for his own portion of inheritance. Firstly, we did not know the age range of these children but one thing is sure they were already grown ups for the younger one to be able to say such a thing or make such a request, but in all, he was younger than the first and which means he must have been of lesser understanding and wisdom than the elder, and this proves it for him to have made such an unintelligent request from their father.

It was never hard for the children to request the share of their inheritance from their father while he is still alive. The father can share this in his will which would then be read after his death and not even when he's alive. Therefore, the request of this youngest son is one that is strange, looking into such a request one can assume that he had been waiting for the death of his father so that he can have his own share of inheritance, and since his Father did not die he took the bold step of meeting him. Just like the prodigal son there are many children in the world who are praying and eagerly waiting for the death of their parents so that they can have access to their inheritance. Unfortunately, some murder their parents because they did not die on time just because their parents were rich and they wanted to possess all that their parents worked for. This set of children are evil and the prodigal son is far off better than them. At least he did not work to murder his father in order to possess his inheritance, although the request he made almost proved so, but it has gotten worse today.

The reason many children find themselves in such a position is because of their insatiable quest for wealth. They are less concerned about eternity and are more concerned about the present life not the future. **1 John 2:15 KJV** Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. The father being a good man that would not want trouble divided his possession and gave his own part to him. The truth is that the children had rights to the possessions of their father, this is why their father did not disoblige, and he did according to the wish of his son and the reason was because the son had the freedom/ choice of will, he was matured enough to choose what he wants without being compelled just the same way he was matured enough to face the consequences of his actions. In the same way, God will not force anyone to do His will, He gives choice to all, He respects man's decisions because man is old enough to face the consequences of his decisions. If there is any way that seems right to a man which is contrary to God's ways, though he knows it yet he chooses to go through that way, he will not be compelled by God for it is the right of every man to choose between life and death. The only thing God can do is to make both choices available to you which would be at your disposal. In the case of Adam and Eve, they have to make the choice to eat out of the tree of knowledge of good and evil or choose not to eat out of it. God did not because of them uprooting the tree from the garden of Eden but

He gave them a choice to make. The two sons of their father had a choice to make, it's either to stay with their father or depart from him. So the younger who was lacking experience chose to leave and his father respected his choice.

Luke 15:13 KJV 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. He gathered all he had and relocated. Looking carefully into what the youngest one did, one can deduce something in it, he did not remain in his father's house to live prodigally because if living in extravagance is all he wanted, he would have remained in his father's house and still live such lifestyle, but from what he did, it shows that it's not all what he wanted, but the major thing he wanted was "Independence" he wanted freedom. In his father's house he is subjected to the rules and regulations guiding his father's household; he was probably tired of being under his father then he decided to leave. It can also be that he had thought about it that if he remained there his father and elder brother would be there to question him on his decisions. But in all, what he needed was freedom, he saw himself to be under bondage, restrained from living the kind of life he wished to, so he departed to a very far country not even to the next street but to a far country where he will not be watched over, where he could do as he wished and wanted and because of his lack of experience and guidance he squandered his possession, this is what happens when a man does not want to be accountable to anyone.

Just like the prodigal son many despise authority and do not for any reason want to be under anyone. They claim that they want freedom so they refuse to stay under whom God has placed them so they leave forcefully and prematurely to live a wasteful life, this can be in a ministry. There are many who should be under fathers (mentors) receiving trainings from whom should build them for the mission ahead but have defied the authority placed over them proving to be strong on their own and have requested to depart when God has not commanded them to depart, some have asked for their share of possession by saying that God told them to leave when God did not say anything and since these fathers in the Lord feared God and the son has brought God into the equation, they quickly send them away with prayers of release and they went away to a far place the Lord did not send them.

Say this to yourself: May **I not rush out before my time**.

This is mostly common to the youths of this generation; they want power, influence, respect, honour and fame at all cost and many have embarked in ministry when God has not given them the go-ahead. The deceptive part of their situation is that at first things would go well and is still going well because the portion of the inheritance they received from their father is still with them as they continue to squander it, just like the prodigal son he never had problems at the start because the possessions were still with him but it got to a point where he spent all. **Luke 15:14 KJV** And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

The time he spent all was the time his oil got finished. This is because he was all alone, there was no longer any supply for him. He was already far away from his father's source of supply. When he spent all, he began to be in want. That was the case of the five foolish virgins who took no extra oil with them. **Matthew 25:8 KJV** And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. His foolishness wouldn't have been known, if he had remained at the source, where he could continue to receive the supply of abundant oil.

When a person goes out of the place of making before his time, he would certainly lack extra oil to carry him through to the end. It must have been that when he was with his father he saw the cares of this world, he saw the glory and the beauty of it, wanted to know what it feels like to be among the famous people, he wanted pleasure and earthly splendor. He left his father to see the daughters of Shechem, where he spent all. His virtues, his potential, his glory, his strength which were as a result of his relationship with his father got blurred and he lost them. He spent it all, hmmm. Have you not also spent all? Have you not also left your Father the Lord Jesus Christ for the mundane things of this passing world? You wanted pleasure, you wanted fame, you wanted recognition, you saw the laws of your Father Jesus Christ as being burdensome even when He said they are not so, you wanted freedom. Just like the prodigal son, so you left your father's domain taking along your share of inheritance **without taking an extra oil.** It can be that you are still enjoying yourself in the world now, not minding how you left your father because the gifts you received from Him are still working just

because they are without repentance. So you feel all is well, you are now living a wasteful life.

It can also be that you have now spent all the godly lifestyles, virtues, potentials, good fruits which you received as part of your inheritance and they might have been lavished that you no longer have them, because you have spent all. Then famine arose in the world of sinners, where you have now joined yourself to, cutting yourself away from the abundant supply of your Father's house —the Lord Jesus Christ. You now begin to live in wants, living life like a shadow. In fact, you have now become a shadow of yourself because you are no longer who you used to be, those who knew you back then as a fervent brother/ sister can now see that you have spent all, and now in serious spiritual wants, looking helpless! Just like the prodigal son who acted foolishly by leaving the domain of his father.

Luke 15:15 KJV And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

Here is someone whose father was wealthy and influential now begging to be a servant to a farmer. He begged to be hired, this time around he wanted to be under the farmer, he brought down his pride which he must have packaged calling it "ego" as many call it today and humbled himself before a farmer who was of no match to his father's status since he would not humble himself before his father. It's a pity that those who refuse to humble themselves before God to lift them up will have themselves debased by their pride. **James 4:6 KJV** But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

He lacked so much and was living in want, just because he despised being under the authority of his father ruling with him as a son, but chose to serve under another man in a strange land. Choosing to serve as a servant without any authority whatsoever, he then turned to an errand boy who now began to feed pigs. Since a man who would not serve Christ and rule with Him must serve under the devil, he was subjected to nothing. In the same way, many have gone into the world away from Christ's authority seeking freedom away from his righteous commandments and have now hired themselves out to the devil taking up the duty to work for him. They take up dirty Jobs which they would not have

done if they had remained with their father, having lost their authority in a strange land then they are forced to take commands from the devil who is now the master they choose to work for.

Luke 15:16 KJV And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. This is what he had degraded himself to, to be feeding on the pods of these swines (pigs) because he was so famished, there is serious hunger for the soul when a man choose to leave Christ, this hunger cannot be met in the world of vanities, the prodigal son did not know this so he began to eat foods meant for pigs thinking he would get satisfied. Here is someone who has servants at his disposal to send on errands, but chose to downgrade himself to this level. This is exactly what a person puts himself into whenever he leaves Christ. He would begin to feed on the dirty things of this world which he would not have had anything to do with in the first place.

The food meant for pigs and dogs (unbelievers) is what he would begin to feed on because he has brought himself down to their level. Unbelievers behave like pigs living dirty lifestyles since they enjoy rolling in the mire of sin and seeing nothing bad in it, just because they carry that sinful nature in them. For someone to degrade himself to the point that he begins to feed on the things they feed on such as fornication and adultery, stealing, disobedience, worldly fashions and trends, worldliness in its entirety shows that such a person has left the domain of Christ to enjoy these things which are degrading to eat as the child of a wealthy father. No one gave him anything, though he lacked no one saw him, no had pity on him, where are those whom he wasted his possessions with? The scriptures says "a rich man has many friends" where are those harlots he was always spending time with as his brother made us know **Luke 15:30 KJV** But as soon as this thy son was come, WHICH HATH DEVOURED THY LIVING WITH HARLOTS, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. They are all nowhere to be found, people will only lurk around you when they see that they have something to benefit from you but when you become empty and lacking they will depart and even despise you. This prodigal son started seeing the reality of life after he found himself in trouble. The gift you are operating in and the virtues of Christ coupled with the potentials embedded in you can be why people are seeking after you but when you leave Christ and spend all these things they will desert you, you will be alone to face the

consequences of your foolish choice, those who you expect will help you because you once helped them will then be nowhere to be found because you just degraded yourself and came down from the position of sonship that Christ placed you to that of a servant in a strange land which your father did not even know about.

No one gave the prodigal son anything, the moment a person leaves God, people who should help him will forsake him. Those he has put his trust on will fail him. This son remained alone to suffer the penalty of his foolishness, his father was not present to help him because he was far from him. At that point he began to see how foolish and irrational he was to have taken the first step of going to his father to collect his possession. Most times when we take the first wrong step the end point of all the steps that would follow would lead to regret. Those who have taken the wrong step of forsaking God to go after Satan must retrace their steps back or else they will die in that state and they will land in hell fire without remedy.

May I Not Take Any Wrong Step

Luke 15:17 KJV 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!

There is something striking here! "When he came to his senses" which means that before he was beside himself, out of his senses but now he came to his senses. What brought him to his senses? It was hunger! Though he was feeding on the food meant for pigs yet he was hungry, the food of pigs could not satisfy his hunger, that is how an hungry soul is, though it goes out into the world to see where to find his hunger met, yet he could not find it because those things could not satisfy. An hungry soul that goes after the riches, fame, immoralities, impurities, lusts of this world to be filled up by them would find out that he is still living in want because these things cannot satisfy, although they continue in these things yet there is no peace and lightness of that burden just like the prodigal son, until they come back to their senses they would not take a step forward to their cure. It is the care of a sinner to first come to the understanding that he is a sinner before he can take a step to come out of the problem he has put himself into. The moment a sinner comes to his senses, it means that the veil

covering the mind of that sinner is removed because the god of this world is the one that blinds the mind. **2 Corinthians 4:4 KJV** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of those which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. What keeps a sinner out of his senses is the veil covering his mind, but once it is removed it would begin to think rightly and begin to make a comparison of his former state and his present state to see that he had been foolish all along to forsake the best for the worst. Listening to what that wasteful son said "how many of my father's servants have bread enough to spare" he remembered home, he remembered his father— the enjoyment of his father's servants not to talk about his father's sons. He said that those who are his father's servants have enough to eat, they eat as they like and even throw away because they did not lack. If servants could be eaten and be pouring away the remnants because they are well-fed, how much more the sons?

So with this we can also see that his father is not only merciful to his children but also to his hired servants. Hired servants are so low in level compared to servants in the house, after the servants comes the stewards, then the sons. So he compared the woeful situation he found himself with that which is in total contrast with those who are the least in his father's house, seeing that he is perishing with hunger. What a painful state he put himself in. Sin puts a man in a shameful and painful state and it makes one irrelevant where one is supposed to be honoured. Let's imagine a man of God who goes to commit adultery with a teenager or a youth and is now caught, how shameful and disgraceful will it be? This son found himself in such a situation because he left his first love. Hmmm! **May I not depart from my first love!**

Luke 15:18 KJV I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

Here, he makes a resolution after thinking it through, he said I will arise and go to my father. This is the most important thing and the best option he had at that point, he did not choose to die of hunger neither did he accept to continue eating the food meant for pigs, he chose to rise and go back. He understood that he had fallen, he saw the effects of his fall, then he thought. "No more will I remain in this fallen state that has brought me shame, regret, and hunger. No more will I

remain lost in this strange land, I must arise because now I remember where I have fallen", he fell when he left his father's house now, he must go back to that same father who he dishonoured, that same father he despised, he must go back in repentance— genuine one. **Revelation 2:5 KJV** Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

He recognised how far he had missed it, so he must now go back, realizing how much he has sinned against not only his father but everything that has to do with his Kingdom, because it is an insult for him to have left his father's house to join himself to a stranger in another country placing more value on the valueless than that he should have valued more. He came to his senses, and he not only saw how much he was suffering outside the jurisdiction of his father but also how much he had sinned. He was no longer qualified to be called a son in his father's house. **Revelation 2:19 KJV** I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

This is how true repentance works, it makes him see the effects of sins and how much it has destroyed him then goes further towards the cure on what to do to be accepted into God's household. The prodigal son did not seek to be put back in the position of sonship but rather sought to be treated like a hired servant, not even a steward. He would consider it a great honour which he does not even deserve to be made and hired servant than a son because he could now see how miserable his life was after he left his father Therefore he sought to join himself back to his father's house in whatever way, not minding the position because he saw a great difference between where he is and his father's house.

This is how it is with many, they did not place value on the life Christ gave to them and the privilege of being part of God's household, which is why they go out to visit herbalist, sorcerers, false prophets etc and do all sorts of things which are not in accordance to the ways of Christ. Most times those whom we envy and want to be like are envious of us and want to be like us because we do not know what they are facing outside Christ but we are in Christ enjoying the provision of the Father. The prodigal son did not only think about what he wanted to do, he took steps. **Luke 15:20 KJV** 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. He arose, that is what is expected of every backslidden child, though sin has put your back on the ground now you must arise after considering where you fell, you must have fallen when you entered the secret relationship of boyfriend and girlfriend or when you began to keep a secret lover outside the knowledge of your spouse, that's how you feel, now you remember!

You need to remember that you feel when you entered into that illegal business which the Lord is not pleased with or was it when you relocated from where God asked you to stay to a strange location? Think deeply to know and remember where you fell. **Revelation 2:5 KJV** Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. You can make a decision to arise and not remain in your helpless state, this son arose and went to his father though he rebelled against his father yet he went back to him. You too can arise and go back to the Lord Jesus Christ, He wants you back, come back to your senses, take a step and go back home, go back to your Father, leave this strange land of sin, the Lord Jesus wants you home, he is eagerly awaiting you. Reconcile with your Maker!

You!!!

On his journey back home to his father he must have been thinking a lot of things in his mind, not sure if his father would even accept him as a hired servant at all. He was walking back home in hope and fear. Fear of being rejected and hope of being received. But his father was not only better to him than his fears but better to him than his hope—not only received him but received him with respect, for when he was still afar off, his father saw him, this is something we must think about, why was it that it was his father that saw him from such a far distance and not his elder brother nor any of the servants? Considering the age of his father, his eyes should have started getting dim to even see and recognise someone at such a far distance yet he cited him. This must have been that he was always yearning to see his son who had gone away through that same route, so he was always looking towards that direction because he had missed him, though he was rebellious, yet compassion for such a lost child would not let him leave him to be destroyed "oh that I could see this my wretched son coming back home" he must

have thought. In this, he was always looking towards the direction his son went to see him return, thankfully, he saw him from afar off and though his eyes were getting dim, it will still recognise him even in his miserable state looking so unkempt and helpless because his eyes of Mercy had not grown dim. He ran! For such a man to run to meet his son shows how much he had been expecting him and how much he valued him. This is the same way it is with the Lord Jesus Christ, He is always looking to see if those who have gone astray would come back to Him, the Lord is always desirous for the conversion of sinners and is always ready to meet them that are coming towards Him.

Looking at the story of the prodigal son from the human perspective one would have said he deserved no pity but this is not the case with God. The sinner puts himself in a miserable state making himself an object of pity, yet, God will have compassion on him. This shows the willingness of God to accept all those who would turn back to Him. **John 6:37 KJV** All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. Only if you'll come to Him.

God is very compassionate, He is waiting anxiously for every sinner to come to Him, the father of the prodigal son fell on his neck and kissed and welcomed the son, he must have thought of rejection but his father did the opposite, many times when a sinner comes to repentance he thinks that he has gone too far to be accepted by Christ but the truth is that God is willing to take him back at whatever point he choose to return to his Creator.

Luke 15:21 KJV 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. What the son said he would tell his father was not forgotten, although, he had shown a sign of repentance through his action of returning home and at the same time he confessed how foolish and rebellious he had been to his father, saying "I have sinned against heaven and in your sight" **Proverbs 28:13 KJV** He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. He did not pretend as if he had not sinned as many will do, he accepted his frailty and sought pardon and was very well received by his father.

Luke 15:22 KJV 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: Now the father looked beyond his sins, placed more concern on his well-being and gave orders that will make him comfortable. He came in tattered clothes that are stinkingly used in feeding pigs, so he must now change since he will no longer feed pigs to a robe, a special robe. When sinners repent they have their clothes changed to one that speaks well of the kingdom they just got themselves adopted into. The robe of righteousness is given after being clothed with the garment of salvation. **Isaiah 61:10 KJV** I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. Every child of God has this garment and robe of righteousness. To seal the repentance of his son, he must be well clothed and should not be left tattered. He commanded that a ring be put in his finger, the ring that symbolises authority not a fashion ring or a wedding ring but that of power over the household of his father. **Esther 8:2,8,10 KJV** And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman. **[8]** Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse. **[10]** And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, and riders on mules, camels, and young dromedaries: he had lost his authority when he went away to feed swine living riotous lifestyle, but now he has been placed back in that same position he was. When a sinner repents he is placed back in the position of sonship which is due to him and would not be in any way relegated, this is why every sinner must quickly come back to the father. Then he put sandals on his feet, it is possible that due to his long journey back home his sandals had worn out and his feet dusty and dirty, now sandals is to be put on his feet that he should no longer walk barefooted but that he should go about with the Gospel of Peace to declare how merciful his father had been to him.

Ephesians 6:15 KJV And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; oh how beautiful are the feet of those who preach the glad tidings of the gospel. **Romans 10:15 KJV** And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is

written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Now, that sandals have been put on his feet how faithfully and truthfully he employed himself into the business of his father which is to go about telling others how gracious his father is and can also be gracious to them.

The father did not only receive him but he did so amidst celebration. **Luke 15:23 KJV** And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it ; and let us eat, and be merry: the fattest was to be killed, not the one that is lean, this is the best among the animals, the one fit for a special occasion such as this, for all must be merry. In similar ways, there is Joy in heaven over every sinner that repents because salvation of the soul is what makes heaven glad the most for there is no miracle greater than this before the Lord. **Luke 15:24 KJV** For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Now the reason for the merriment was made known by his father. His son was dead and now alive. That is how it is to every sinner in the world who lives in pleasures of sin and this is why they are dead. **1 Timothy 5:6 KJV** But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. Yet, they walk about, these are those called the living dead. The father was right to say that his son was dead, as dead in his sins when he was living a riotous and wasteful life. When he was living in pleasure with harlots, when he kept on feeding on the food of swines but now is back home and changed, he has come alive.

Colossians 2:13 KJV And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; he was not only dead but also lost, lost like a sheep that strayed from the pasture and is liable to being devoured by a wolf, those who are lost have opened themselves up to be devoured by the devourer. **1 Peter 5:8 KJV** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: this lost son went away and would have easily been devoured by the enemy but he was not, although he looked haggard and tattered yet he came back alive and though he was lost, he was found.

Assuming he had died in the far country all hope over him could have been lost but since he did not die there, there's still hope over him which is why the merriment was important.

In the same way those who are far away from Christ and are lost have opened their lives down to the devil to devour only if they would quickly return to Christ that is when their lives can get secured. Jesus Christ is waiting to rejoice over all sinners who return to him, would you return to him today? Don't postpone, assuming the prodigal son had postponed his going back to his father, he would have suffered the most, he might have even died in that state, but thanks that he made a wise decision, would you also make such a wise resolution today and now! Do you want to be delivered from your sins? Come to Jesus Christ now and be saved.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

Congratulations, now you are saved. If you prayed this short prayer, please WhatsApp +2347067511039 and let me know that you have just been saved. I want to have a word with you. God bless you!

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