



UNFOLDING
THE MYSTERIES
OF THE KINGDOM:

STUDIES IN THE PARABLES OF JESUS

The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32



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Man

Younger Son

Older Son

The distant country

General Emphasis: Seek and receive back the lost



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Themes within the parable:

- Luke 15:11-13: The Father's Love
 - Contrasted by
- Luke 15:14-19: The World's Cruelty
- Luke 15:20-24: The Prodigal Comes Home
 - Contrasted by
- Luke 15:25-32: The Prodigal Who Never Left



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Luke 15:11-13: The Father's Love

- God does not force His will upon us
- God lavishes blessings upon us
- God allows us to follow our desires
- God allows us to leave Him



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Consider the following:

- Ezekiel 33:10-11 - Why will you die?
- Galatians 1:3-5 - According to God's will
- 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 - Sanctification
- 2 Peter 3:9 - Repentance
- Romans 5:8 and John 3:16 - Christ's sacrifice for us



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Luke 15:14-19: The World's Cruelty

- The world gladly takes all that one has
- The world's pleasure are brief
- The world gives nothing in return
- The world enslaves those found within
- The world does not care about individuals



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Consider the following:

- John 8:34 - Slaves to sin
- 2 Peter 2:19–21 - Slaves of corruption
- Ephesians 2:11-12 - In the world, without God
- Ephesians 4:17-19 - Walk as the world



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Consider the following:

- Romans 1:20-32 - God gave them over...
 - v. 24 - To impurity
 - v. 26 - To degrading passions
 - v. 28 - To a depraved mind



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Consider the following:

- Hebrews 11:24-26 - Brevity of pleasures
- Romans 6:23 - Wages of sin
- James 1:14-17 - Sin's deceitful accomplishment
- 1 John 2:15-17 - Love of the world



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Wednesday Night:

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