

I Will Arise and Go to My Father

Luke 15:17-19

There are two clear distinction I want to draw your attention to in this story. I would like you to take note of: It's found in (Luke 15:12, 13)

- 1.) The inheritance or system of the prodigal father. (vs. 13)
- 2.) A system called a far off country.
 - A.) So, what the prodigal son is really saying is I am not happy with the system. He definitely wasn't on the same terms and values of the older brother who wasn't happy either according to vs. 28.
 - B.) So, the boy takes his inheritance from a distinct patriarchal system and gives to live in an entirely different culture. Look how the bible describes it in vs. 13.
 - 1.) Riotous living – A culture without any restraints. Where nobody would tell him how to live. This was a culture he chose.
 - 2.) Scientists and educators have come up with a new generation that psychographically describes the social behavior of our current generation. It's called "The Snow Flake Generation". People who melt and become highly disturbed if you criticize them.
 - 3.) The Orlando gay bar said they were in a safe place and could not believe they could experience such horrible violence. They are redefining what a safe place is really saying.
 - 4.) There were 250,000 Haitians who die in the earthquake feeling they were in a safe place when the government moved them from tents to designated shelters. They died in the shelters with rocks falling on them.
 - 5.) This far off country for riotous living was the boys safe place but vs. 14 tells us it wasn't a safe place.

Read V. 14

- A famine arose in the land
 - 1.) A famine of love and order was in this far off country with its own culture and value system.
 - 2.) A famine of being respected by people for your traditional family values
 - 3.) A famine of real word that provokes change in your life
 - 4.) A famine of God's refreshing presence that makes you hungry around secular, casual Christians and Patriotic Americans. Ex. Experience in Israel praying at Wailing Wall (I was hungry) or when I went to a recent conference that was Christian. I came away hungry because there was a famine of the culture and presence of Almighty God.

Vs. 15

- He joined himself to citizens of that country
- 1.) He soul tied emotionally, physically and psychologically with the culture of another system.
- 2.) He was mistreated – He didn't fit in
- 3.) They put him with the pigs. His family culture didn't raise him this way.
- 4.) Br. Xen spoke about Japan not existing in 100 years
- 5.) The boy took on the philosophers of that culture. Heb. 11:10 says Abraham was looking for a culture or city whose brother and maker is God. This boy joined himself to another culture and citizenship of alternative values.

Vs. 12

- a.) He was hungry and not satisfied in his soul.

But look at this inheritance he once had that was tied into the divine order of God's system.

THE INHERITANCE OF THE PRODIGAL FATHER

1. The inheritance was a part of a patriarchal system of a Father and Mother that produced security and a multi balance for love to the children. This system was very different than the society the boy left home for.
2. That system was a God ordained structure that God flowed all relational love and divine order through. Mankind has no right to change or altar this cultural covenant system.
3. The system recognized a relational love for each other in the home that the Prodigal son could not find anywhere else.
4. It was a distinct system and culture from all secularized Christianity or pagan relationship structures. The boy came to himself to realize this.
5. This system is a divine and a cultural covenant that holds everyone accountable for their choices and actions. The boy came to himself to understand this. This is why he said, "I have sinned against God's divine order and my Father."
6. This was an inheritance system that modeled family relational mutualism and not individualism. He said, "I will return and be a servant."

7. The boy was returning to a covenant relationship culture. He fully understood was much different than the freedom he experienced with his own choices.

Read Luke 15:17 and He came to himself

- a.) Some people refer to God as amazing. Is He not?
- b.) Some refer to God as astounding and that He is too.
- c.) But when the prodigal son came to himself he once again saw God in a state of awe.

This means:

1. He was no longer moved or stirred but was gripped with conviction about making relational changes in his life. He was tired of casual repentance
Luke 15:18
True gripping covenant cultural repentance is found in Vs. 18.
 2. I've sinned against God's divine covenant cultural order
- My actions are not towards a person or institution they are towards the close order of God's cultural covenant.
 - I need that awe back I had for God.
 - I need to be stirred for gripping changes in my life that affects relationships!!!
 - Isaiah saw the Lord in awe, he trembled
 - Moses saw the Lord in a burning bush and trembled in awe of his majesty and authority.
 - Paul saw the awe of God on the road to Damascus and made relational changes in his life.
Read Luke 15:18-19
- a.) He changed his attitude – Now he has humility and honor (Paul was slapped by a soldier with the High Priest order)
Vs. 19
 - b.) I just want to serve in the culture and covenant of God's inheritance system.

Look what humility produced in Luke 15:20-22

This is God's

1. Glory
2. His joy
3. His security
4. It kept the boy from the judgement of the elders who were supposed to stone him.
5. This is the transformation and soul tied back to the covenant and culture of the Church inside of Babylon.

He came to himself and say I will arise and return to my father.

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Handout #2

AND HE CAME TO HIMSELF AND SAID I WILL ARISE AND RETURN TO MY FATHER!

1. I will start a specific ministry and not wait for the church or blame others who are not doing it.
2. I will return to school and finish my education
3. I will return to work and give my best efforts on my job because my work in my worship
4. I will go on the personal extended fast to get my flesh out of the way to hear from God.
5. I will become more accountable to a ministry and practice being vulnerable. I will sacrifice my gifting's in a ministry to grow it and not criticize what that ministry is not doing.
6. I will take more servant leadership in my home as a parent to build a stronger relationship with my family – so I can build the culture of Jesus Christ.
7. I will start and continue a daily prayer life along with bible meditation.
8. I mean business today to stop giving into my flesh with specific habits. I want to break these habits today by the gripping power of the Holy Ghost!

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