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# The Redeemer

## The Prodigal Son Returns Home "That means you!"

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THE PRODIGAL SON  
RETURNS HOME GOD  
LOVES YOU AND WANTS  
YOU TO LIVE AND REIGN  
WITH HIM. READ TO  
FIND OUT WHAT YOU  
HAVE BEEN MISSING.

- Luke 15:11-24

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By Minister Victoria Patterson

May God enrich your life!

**Luke 15:23**

The son said to him, Father I have sinned against heaven and against you I am no longer worthy to be called your son. But the father said to his servants. Quick! Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost now found. So they began to celebrate. The son had recognized how he had sunk. This is how sin destroys our present day life.

The parable of the Lost Son  
Luke 15:11-24 Jesus cont'd:  
"There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his Father "give me my share of the estate." So he divided his property between them. Not long after that, the younger son took all he had, set off for a distant country and squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything there was a severe famine (lack of food) in that whole country he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen in that country who sent him to his fields

to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses he said. How many of my father hired servants have food to spare and I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him. Father I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son make me like one of your hired servants. So he got up and went to his father; but while he was still a long way off his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him He ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

We start with the Father God loving us and caring for our needs, temptation of sin creeps in, we leave our safe place. We think we don't need the Father we take what he's given us and think we can handle this complex life on our own. God the wise loving Father allows us the opportunity to choose and go it alone. We experience sins hardcore bold, bleak and hopeless state of reality. Sin feels good for a while, with no rules, partying



Jesus is the door to your Salvation

**Keith Muse**

**“The past is not your future”**

As I was thinking about the story of the prodigal son, I thought about how he felt when he realized what he had one. It was not right that he had demanded from his father what he felt was his. Quite frankly his father built that up. His father being the father that he was, truly upset about this, but understood this brought on a teaching moment for his son. He gave the son what he asked for. Now the son goes off and while gone, he lived recklessly, spending all his money. This is

what I want to focus on. You talked to your father with no respect, asked for your money, left a comfortable home; you are in the streets thinking he has a got a little something. Just as always people begin to take advantage of him. Instead of using the resources to afford his needs, he wasted the money on drugs and alcohol and entertainment. When the last dime was gone he started to think about home, but now he felt ashamed in his state of being, how he acted and what

he'd done, now feels like he cannot go home, he mistreated his family; his friends don't want to be bothered anymore. So you think you are a loner? The point where God can speak to you, when everyone is through with you, God will always be there but it's that time when you are broken and there is nowhere to turn, God will speak to you. Just like the prodigal son's father, God wants you to know that you can always come home. See below..

**God's love is persistent**

The Lord spoke to me and said that “God's love is **persistent**, even when you are not”. The love of God is always pursuing us and wooing us to a place of total dependence upon him. When we turn our back on Him, there He is, in the thicket. Because of our flesh, it is at times a challenge for us to remain persistent in our love by creating conditions and stipulations to either be a giver of love or a recipient. **But our Heavenly Fathers love is vast!** When I looked up the word persistent, the following are other words that are very similar in seeing what God is

saying about His persistent love which is: **unrelenting, constant, determined, relentless, continual, lasting, remaining, enduring, permanent and unshakable.** **The visual God used is how the defense team is determined to get to the quarterback to sack him to prevent him from making a successful play. They are pushing and moving people out the way to get to him and will not stop unless they are stopped.** Well the same

with Him. He is pushing all the many obstacles that prevent us from completely receiving his love out of the way in order that he may lay a hold of us. Sometimes in our frailty it is hard to comprehend that God's love is that deep and that wide. But He truly loves us so much so that he desires the best for us and will remain persistent, even when we're not. **Corinthians 13:8b. Love never fails!**  
**Tammy L. Smith**

**Keith Muse**

**“The past is not your future”**

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Just like the prodigal son's father wanted him home and safe, God wants you to know you can always come home. We are feeding ourselves negative messages that we will not be accepted because of what we've done. Know that there is nothing under the sun that we can

do, have done, or think about doing that the Lord will not forgive us for if we come to Him and repent and turn from it. He is just to forgive. Don't waste time like I did, I felt so ashamed and bad for how I was, that all I thought

I could do is keep doing what I was familiar with. Not only because he is God, but because I was willing. So whoever you are reading this, or wherever you are, just know that with the Lord Jesus Christ you can always come home.

Minister Keith Muse

**God is too big to run from he's everywhere!**

**You may run but not for long.**

The Prodigal Son walked away with many questions unanswered like many of us. Is it true of who He said He is? Could it be acceptable what the Bible says about Him? What does it mean if I accept Him, if I reject Him what are the consequences?

The Prodigal Son met the consequences of his choice because he didn't believe and accept God, read on.....

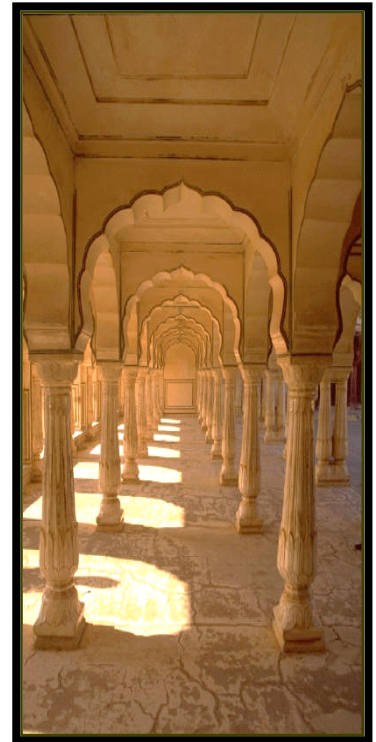
We must be convinced about Jesus Christ and who He is entirely! God is the Father, the creator of this

universe, the earth, and everything in it is His. He owns it all Genesis tells us that the earth was void (empty); God created the heavens and the earth, and everything in it in 6 day, and on the 7<sup>th</sup> rested.

Where can you run to, the place you run to hide is the place that he created, and that's why you found it? If God is the creator of the place do you not think he will not be there? Jonah thought he could run but God used his own creation, the waters and the large fish to stop him and return him to His will and destiny .Like the prodigal son, God allows our choices to teach us that we cannot live without him. Jesus is the son of the Father that came in the flesh to die for our sins and

redeem (or pay the price) that we may be connected back to eternal life through Him, and in the Father. The Holy Spirit of the living God that created us is a helper, a guide, a teacher, and all things that we would need to make it through this life and meet our creator one day. So without unity or agreement with the Father you cannot survive this complex world of His (God). God gave us family to love, to protect and honor? The most valuable things God created are you and I. As you read the enclosed articles it is in hope that you realize there is no place like home!

Editor in Chief Laura Ighedesa, Prophetic-Evangelist



There are consequences when you don't believe and accept Him everything God created will fight against your disobedience.

**"The parable of the lost son from page 1"**

Now he was left without friends and no place to go. It's like a fish that gets caught in the fishers net, struggling to get free in his strength because the net has a stronghold on him like sin has a hold on us. Now when you come to yourself and realize that living with the father is better, don't hesitate to return home, he is waiting with open arms. God himself will stop heaven and earth and hold back the gates of hell on your behalf to welcome you home. It's time now to come back home, back to your heavenly Father, back to Jesus. The father in the parable stopped and prepared for the arrival of his son who **decided** to come home. Lessons learned

here are invaluable; they are lessons like the courage it takes to return home, and also that sometimes the hardest thing to do is to admit we made a mistake, and say I'm sorry. Secondly, there is a lesson on love. Isn't it just like a loving Father that allows us to go when we ask; even though he knows it is not in our best interest? This Father welcomes you back with open arms when we realize our mistakes. God's love is unconditional. Know that God loves you no matter what has happened. Finally, forgive yourself for bad choices, forgive other peoples mistakes concerning you and remember that forgiveness of the Father is

without remembrance of the wrongs we have done with total acceptance. From this day forward let us learn our lessons from this little yet powerful story of the lost son, we don't have to live in sin and hit rock bottom before we make the decision to come home and be with the father. Stay with Father God, choosing never to leave always abiding in Him as he will with you.

Remember he sent his Son (Jesus) to redeem the world from sin. You were bought with precious blood, a great price of Jesus' life and he died for your sins. His word is true!

Minister Victoria Patterson

"The Father is waiting for you to return home with open arms don't hesitate to come home!"

**John 3:16** for God so loved the world he sent his only begotten son that whom so ever should believe in him shall have everlasting life.

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As an old saying I heard long ago, promises are made to be broken. Later on in life I found out that Jesus Christ keeps his promises. "What a blessing it is to know that God can make a way for his children to be in his will with a desire to do good pleasures for him. To know that it is not of us but of God. And we know that whatever God sets out to do; it's going to be good, right, and pleasing to him." Psalms 27:4 "One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple." *Min Judith Smith*

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"God is using the place you are in as your donkey; the chains will not be moved until you see what is in front of you".

### A brief discussion of who God is....

I wish to bring to your awareness things that are **too important** to be ignored. Even when we ignore them they are still true. Genesis chapter 1&2

The world was created and we must acknowledge the creator the Supreme Being who is **God**. He is the eternal world, the creator and owner of the universe. Read Daniel.4, Gen.6 & Exodus

Chap. 7, 8 10 &12 Then conclude with Gen.

Chapt.17. All things start from somewhere and ALL things are influenced by the creator himself. The earth from the smallest to the greatest. Psalm24:1 this God is in His word, the Holy Bible from Genesis to Revelation and it speaks of who He is. It is expected for us to except the revelations in the bible, to learn, relate, to worship

Pastor Kingsley

and obey his commandments.

As for those who have lived before us, we see how God related with them and that is how we learn to live today, for He is God of all the generations and cannot change, He is invisible, immutable, He is a Spirit John 4:21-24 and we are not created to see him, God is too big to be seen by the eye.

### God Intervenes by Mother Joan Harris

Our Sovereign God has many ways to intervene in our lives. Isaiah66:1(NIV) This is what the Lord says:"Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool "It says to me that heaven, earth and everything in between can be used by Him to get our attention. We were made by Him for Him to be a

reflection of Him in the earth. Every believing child of God is here to be a witness of His Glory to the world. Perhaps you have come to this place by Gods' intervention. There is something He has placed within you that is needed by others. Never discounts Gods ways remember He is

Sovereign. God not only intervenes but intercepts harm that was meant for us. Let me summarize briefly the story of Balaam (Num chpat22-24). Balaam was a disobedient greedy prophet that was asked by the King to curse the children of Israel for a great deal of monies and gifts.

He told the King that these people were blessed by God and could not be cursed. Nevertheless he took the treasure and went to curse them. **God determined to stop him so the donkey he rode refused to move and even spoke to him saying**:"what have I done to you to make you beat me three times". Then God showed Balaam, that the Angel of the Lord was standing in the road with his sword drawn ready to

strike him down. Now that was an interception and an intervention!

An animal spoke and God allowed him to see an angel.

Balaam left and returned home.

Just as God intervened in Balaam's life He has intervened in yours if you have received Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Only He knows your destiny

and will reveal it in His time. Follow Him He only came to do you good!

God has always intervened in the affairs of mankind. It seems reasonable to me since He is our creator that we bow before our majestic Lord and say as Isaiah 6:8, here am I Lord send me".

*Lovingly,  
Mother Joan Harris*