

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#61 – “The Prodigal Son” – Luke 15:11-24

I. Introduction

A. The crescendo of Chapter 15.

1. The Prodigal Son

II. Exposition

A. Luke 15:11-12

1. Just the facts.

2. “Wealth” – Greek: BIOS.

3. He did not want to wait for his father to die.

B. Luke 15:13

1. “Gathered all he had” – Gk: SYNAGAGŌN

a. Liquidated his assets.

2. “Loose living” – Gk: ZON ASŌTŌS – luxury.

C. Luke 15:14-16

1. A spending plan, but not a running out plan.

2. A hog farmer for a gentile.

D. Luke 15:17-19

1. “He came to his senses.”

2. Repentance – Did not deserve the title of Son.

3. Joy in heaven over repentance – Luke 15:7, 10.

E. Luke 15:20

1. Main theme – Lost, Search initiated, Joy when found.

F. Luke 15:21

1. True repentance.

2. No demands.

G. Luke 15:22

1. The first century view.

a. Works required before acceptance.

2. Hearers amazed – a shocking display to the Pharisees.

3. Bringing the prodigal the best –

a. The best robe – worn only by the patriarch

b. The ring – the family signet ring

c. Sandals – a sign of grace, covering his creatureliness.

H. Luke 15:23-24

1. Robe & ring usually go the firstborn.

2. Fatted calf was to be saved for the firstborn’s wedding.

3. The son was dead, but now he’s alive.

III. Points for Reflection

A. The prodigal son was lost before he was lost.

B. We were all prodigal sons.

C. When you are in the wrong, do not bargain with God. Return to Him on His terms and not your own.

D. When we return home on the Father’s terms, we find the loving arms of a dad who already had a plan in place to restore us.