

104.26. I WANT MINE NOW.

Parable of the Prodigal son. Luke 15:11-32.

There was a Jewish father with 2 sons & the youngest asked for an early inheritance, to which the father agreed & divided his estate. The youngest then went away & used the money for sinful, self-indulgent living. His money ran out & famine overtook the country. In a desperate attempt to survive, the son worked feeding pigs to which the average Jew would rather die than do.

While he fed the pigs, he even wanted to eat their food, as he had none of his own. In his desolate state, the son came to his senses & realized that his father had food & all that he needed. So The son went back home hoping to be hired as a servant, as he knew he no longer had the right to be recognized as a son, due to his rebellion.

When the father saw the son, he received him back with great joy & celebration, the father kissed his son & gave him the best robe, a ring of authority & restoration to his place in the family, he also placed sandals on his feet & commanded the fattened calf be killed, which was reserved for special occasions.

The father now invited the oldest son to join the celebration, but he refused, as he felt cheated, as he had lived in obedience to the father, but never received any reward like this. The father then replied with tender words; Son, you have always been with me & all that is mine is yours, but we must rejoice & celebrate, as your brother was dead & now he lives, He was lost & now he has been found.

The prodigal son here, represents all people who squander & reject the blessings offered by God & all the opportunities that He provides them, to repent, as He awaits His children's return with open arms, as God's

mercy, grace & desire for a relationship with those lost to their own ways.

The youngest son was lost in his sin; the oldest son was lost in his self-righteousness & when we operate with a self-righteous attitude, we are lost in sin.

God's love for us & our love for God is what should always motivate us, in everything, as God is waiting with open arms, ready to take any back into His love & Kingdom, regardless of what the person has done to push themselves away from Him, as there is nothing that He will not forgive & wash away, NOTHING! to have a meaningful relationship with any & every single one, of His children.

So, call on Him today, come boldly to the throne, bring all your baggage, the good, bad & ugly & let Him cleanse your heart, so that you may become part of His forgiving, loving eternal family & Kingdom today & forever, to where you will never be able to be plucked out of His hand.