

# WELCOME TO GRACE IN THE DESERT

*See to it that no one misses the grace of God...*

Heb. 12:15





# “From Jesus’ Heart & Lips” - The Story of the Prodigal Father

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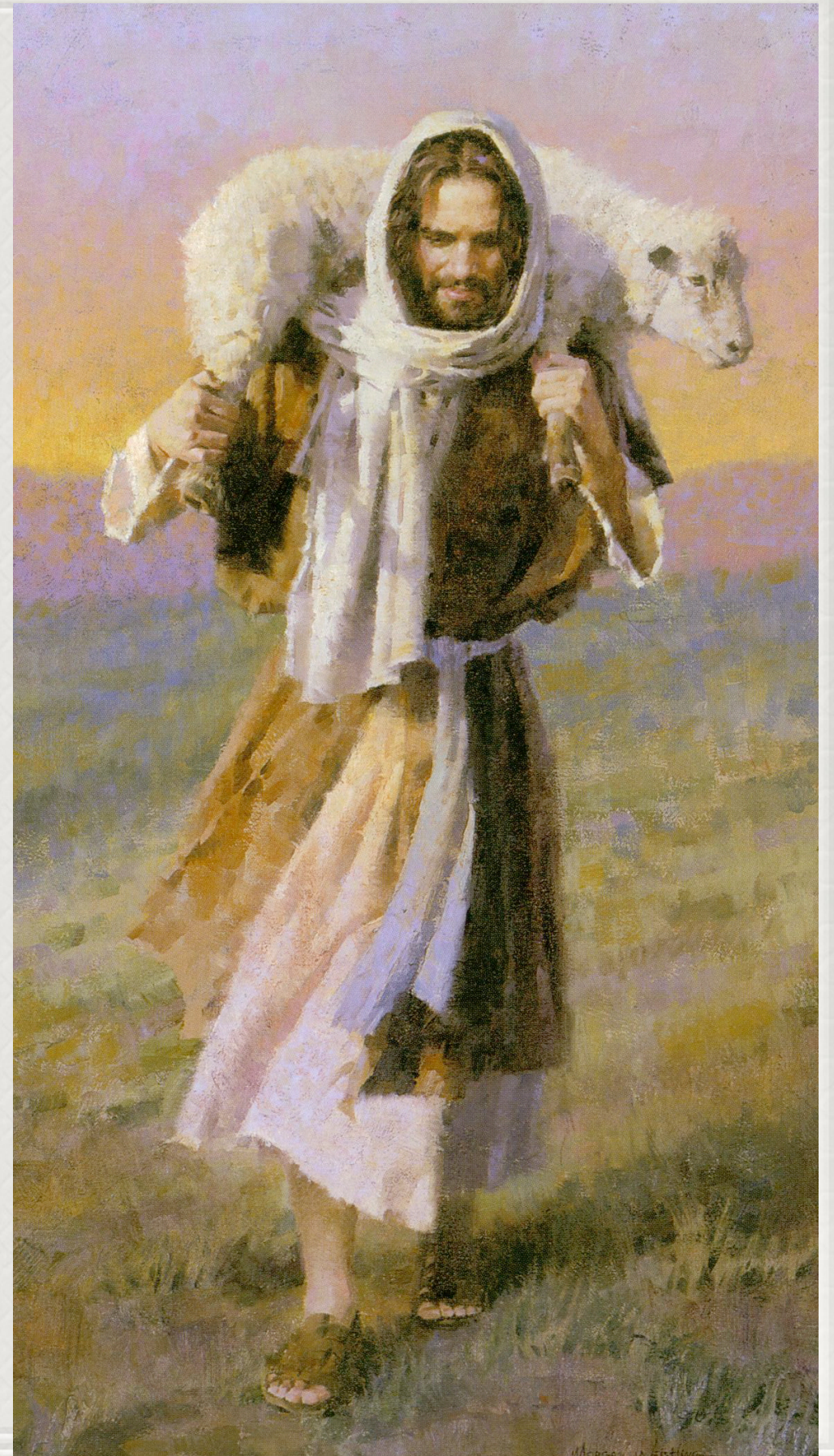


Luke 15:1 ¶ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.

Luke 15:2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Luke 15:3 ¶ So he told them this parable:











Luke 15:6 ...'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'

Luke 15:9 ...'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'



Luke 15:7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Luke 15:10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”



Luke 15:11 ¶ Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons.

Luke 15:12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them.

Luke 15:13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.



### *The Lost Sheep*

**15** Now all the <sup>a</sup>tax collectors and the <sup>1</sup>sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him.

**2** Both the Pharisees and the scribes *began* to grumble, saying, "This man receives sinners and <sup>a</sup>eats with them."

**3** So He told them this parable, saying,

**4** "What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the <sup>1</sup>open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?

**5** "When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

**6** "And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'

**7** "I tell you that in the same way, there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

### *The Lost Coin*

**8** "Or what woman, if she has ten <sup>1</sup>silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?

**9** "When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!'

**10** "In the same way, I tell you, there is joy <sup>a</sup>in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

### *The Prodigal Son*

**11** And He said, "A man had two sons.

**12** "The younger of them said to his

### *The Parable of the Lost Sheep*

**15** NOW ALL the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. **2** And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

**3** So he told them this parable: **4** "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? **5** When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. **6** And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' **7** Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

### *The Parable of the Lost Coin*

**8** "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? **9** When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' **10** Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

### *The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother*

**11** Then Jesus<sup>f</sup> said, "There was a man who had two sons. **12** The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. **13** A few days later the younger son gathered all his



Luke 15:14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

Luke 15:15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

Luke 15:16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.



Luke 15:17 But when he came to himself he said,  
'How many of my father's hired hands have  
bread enough and to spare, but here I am  
dying of hunger!



Luke 15:18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;

Luke 15:19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." '



Luke 15:20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.





Luke 15:21 Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

Luke 15:22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.'





Luke 15:23 And get the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;

Luke 15:24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.





Luke 15:25 ¶ “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.

Luke 15:26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.

Luke 15:27 He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’



Luke 15:29 But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.

Luke 15:30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!'



# Prodigal:

**1.** wastefully or recklessly extravagant

**2.** giving or yielding profusely; lavish (usually fol. by *of* or *with*):

**3.** lavishly abundant; profuse:



Luke 15:31 Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.'





Luke 15:32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”





