

Day 2: Salvation Conveyed through Saved Sinners

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-10

At the beginning of Luke 15, Jesus says heaven rejoices over one sinner who repents, over 99 that do not need to repent. Repenting and receiving salvation, having never known the Father or been in his house, is a lot different than the situation with the prodigal son Jesus talks about later in that chapter.

Imagine, never knowing your father and desperately struggling through life only to experience pain and unanswered questions. Now, how would it feel to one day be introduced to your father and discover that he had limitless resources and used them to find you and bring you to himself? What would it be like if the one you had been looking for all your life found you and bestowed upon you a treasured identity, the remedy for every pain, problem, and unanswered question you faced, and then told you about your connection to a much larger family, and your role in helping his family change the entire world?

Many have called the Bible our **Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth. Well, the last thing Jesus told his disciples was to go and make disciples of all nations (see Matthew 28:18-20), to be those who tell His children the truth and with the Holy**

Spirit's help, introduce them to their heavenly Father. More than anything else, people receiving salvation and choosing to follow Jesus pleases the Father and causes heaven to rejoice.

In keeping with our 2024 Theme: *Proclaim, Persuade, and Pray*, spend time praying for opportunities and courage to share the Gospel, and invite others to corporate worship. After this, pray more earnestly for salvation in all the earth.

A Prayer Primer You Might Use: Almighty God, you have chosen to speak to us through other wise and Godly human beings, but most clearly through Your Son Jesus. Grant unto us, whom you have saved through Him, the ability to hear, understand and obey Jesus, so that we, as those you have also sent, may speak to others in your name and on your behalf...

(Prayer and worship)

After time reflecting, and praying, sing a song of thanks to the Holy Spirit for what He will do through you to bring others to Him. Thank Him for working in such a way that the Father and all the angels of heaven will rejoice.

Closing meditations:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xvRKHTip_E

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7qi2KIUffs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfbtm14hXNw>