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# The Parables of Jesus

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# What are parables?

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- Comparisons
  - Something earthly and common to teach something about the kingdom of God
  - Often used to hide truth that can only be known by faith
  - παραβολή (from παραβάλλω) - to put alongside
  - Parables are typically presented so that you, the hearer, see yourself somewhere in the story
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# The Parable of the Two Houses

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# A little context

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- In Matthew, this parable comes at the end of the Sermon on the Mount - the first public teaching of Jesus.
- In Luke, this parable, still attached to the Sermon on the Mount but it is not the first teaching of Jesus.
- The concluding contrast in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount - true and false prophets; good and bad trees; those who do the will of the Father and those who don't.



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24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” (Matt. 7:24-27)

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46 “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?  
47 Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I  
will show you what he is like: 48 he is like a man building a house,  
who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood  
arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it,  
because it had been well built. 49 But the one who hears and does  
not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a  
foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and  
the ruin of that house was great. (Lk. 6:46-49)

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# Elements

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- Builders - Christians; pastors/teachers
  - House - faith; congregations
  - Rock - the words of Jesus; true doctrine; Law and Gospel; Creeds; Lutheran Confessions
    - Why would you build on rock?
  - Sand - false teaching; teaching that is not from Jesus
    - Why would you build on sand?
  - Rain - temptation; trials; judgment
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- Jesus' words actually matter - not just Jesus
  - How do we know Jesus' words?
  - What can we do to learn Jesus words?
    - Learn the Small Catechism
    - Read the Bible every day
    - Memorize Bible verses
  - How do we "do" Jesus words?
    - Believe
    - Love
    - Confess
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this mean?

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The **Word of Christ is the only true foundation** of faith and the Christian Church. If we try to build our hope of salvation on anything other than or in addition to the words of Christ, in times of trial and affliction and on the day of judgment, our house will come crashing down and we will perish eternally.

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# The Parable of the Good Samaritan

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# A little context

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- After being sent out by Jesus to preach about the kingdom of God in Christ, the 72 have returned and Jesus praises God for revealing salvation to “little children” rather than “the wise and understanding.”
  - A lawyer is an expert in the Mosaic Law
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<sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup> And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”<sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”  
(Lk 10:25–29)

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- The lawyer is possibly offended by some of Jesus' earlier statements about the wise and learned.
  - The lawyer is looking for a way to earn the inheritance of eternal life.
  - Jesus' question is VERY important - how do you understand the 10 Commandments
    - The lawyer gives the correct reading of the Law but not its meaning - Love God and love your neighbor.
    - The lawyer tries to justify himself using the second table - "Who can I NOT love?"
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<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” <sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.” (Lk 10:30–37)

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# Elements

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- Jewish man
  - Robbers
  - Priest
  - Levite
  - Samaritan
  - oil and wine
  - Inn
  - Innkeeper
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- Jews and Samaritans hated one another.
  - Jesus unexpectedly put the Jew (the lawyer) in the ditch
  - The priest and Levite were obeying the Law by keeping themselves clean.
    - They were also trying to avoid their obligations to the man in the ditch.
  - The Samaritan simply saw someone in need and had compassion.
    - He shared in the sufferings of the man in the ditch.
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- What did the Samaritan do?
    - He went to the man.
    - He bound up the man's wounds.
    - He set the man on his own animal.
    - He brought the man to an inn.
    - He took care of the man.
    - He paid for the care of the man.
    - He promised to return and pay any additional costs.
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- Jesus speaks of the neighbor as the one showing mercy rather than the one receiving it.
  - Having mercy on anyone in need is the fulfillment of the law, even and especially our enemies.
  - What does Jesus mean by “Go, and do likewise?”
    - Receive God’s mercy
    - Show mercy to all.
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“But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Jesus has come down into the ditch and rescued you from death, cleansing you of your sin and taking you to the Church that you may be cared for until He returns for you.

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# The Parables of Jesus

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# The Parable of Seed and the Soil

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# A little context

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- Jesus had been at someone's house and healed a man who was afflicted by a demon. The healing brought about an opportunity for Jesus to preach against denying the work of the Holy Spirit and against false teachers.
  - Jesus was currently teaching from a boat beside the sea.
  - This is one of the times when we actually hear Jesus explain exactly what the parable means. We should use what He says to help us understand the other parables.
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3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow.  
4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, 6 but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears, let him hear.”

(Mtt. 13:1-9)

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- Sower
  - Seed
  - Path
  - Rocky ground
  - Sun
  - Root
  - Thorns
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- Good soil
  - Grain
  - Ears
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- Does the sower carefully plant each seed exactly where there is only good soil?
    - There is a wasteful nature to what the sower does. Three out of the four types of soil produce no fruit.
  - What role does the soil play?
  - Jesus finishes the parable by talking about hearing. Hmmm.....
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What does  
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- Jesus actually tells us exactly what the parable means!
  - The soil is the hearer (Which soil are you?)
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- Dirt path

- Jesus says that if we don't understand the Word of God then the devil (the birds) will come and snatch the Word away from us. In other words, if we refuse Christ as the Messiah who dies for the forgiveness of our sins, then the Word is of no use to us because we refuse the plain preaching of Scripture.
  - Faith humbles itself before the Scriptures and prays for understanding. Faith asks questions and wants to be taught. Unbelief does not. Unbelief thinks it has already mastered the Christian faith and understands everything.
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- Rocky soil
  - Jesus says that this soil is the one who gladly hears the Word of God but does not let it sink in. This person does not pray or study the Word of God. He hears God's Word once and thinks that he understands it and no longer needs it.
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- Thorny soil
    - Jesus says that this soil is the one who hears the Word of God but allows the cares of the world and deceitfulness of riches to choke out what God said.
    - This hearer thinks that God, His Word and promises, and the means of grace aren't sufficient to protect and provide for him in this life.
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- This person holds grudges and refuses to forgive. This person speaks unkindly of his neighbor and makes every excuse under the sun why he can't help his neighbor (remember the priest and the Levite who wouldn't help the man in the ditch?).
  - This hearer loves the things of the world (fun, pleasure, money, comfort) more than the righteousness of God and believes that they are a higher good. This person only attends to the Word of God if there is time left over.
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- Good soil
    - Jesus says that this soil is the one who hears the Word of God and understands it and therefore yields fruits of faith and good works.
    - This hearer believes that he is a poor, miserable sinner and stands humbly and repentantly before God.
    - This hearer receives Jesus Christ in faith as the Son of God who bore our sins on the cross that we might be forgiven.
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- This hearer calls upon God in every trouble pray, praises God, and gives God thanks for all that he has.
  - This hearer seeks first the kingdom of God and his righteousness because he believes that of course God will provide him his daily bread.
  - This hearer loves and forgives because he himself has been loved and forgiven by Jesus.
  - This hearer believes that every good thing comes from God.
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Which soil are you?

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- We can be any of the soils.
  - This parable teaches us that it is not simply enough to hear the Word of God, but that we must hear it correctly - in faith.
  - Jesus - His life, His Words, His death and resurrection - is the key to understanding all of the Bible.
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# The Parables of Jesus

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# The Parable of the Mustard Seed

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# A little context

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- Jesus told this parable after explaining the parable of the different soils. It also followed after the parable of the weeds.
  - These parables are spoken by Jesus to the crowds who had gathered around him by the sea (likely the Sea of Galilee).
  - This parable is also found in Mark 4:30-32 and Luke 13:18-19.
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[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven I like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

(Mtt. 13:31-32)

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# Elements

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- Grain of mustard seed
  - A man
  - A field
  - Birds of the air
  - Nests
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- Jesus is teaching us about the kingdom of heaven, NOT the kingdom of the world.
  - God's kingdom and man's kingdom are VERY different. These two kingdoms are actually opposed to one another.
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Would you be shocked if I told you that this...

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- Jesus tells you that the significance of the mustard seed is its tiny size and yet what comes from it.
  - Notice that Jesus does not say that the kingdom of heaven is like the man who went and sowed. The seed is the point of comparison.
  - This is a parable where not every element necessarily needs to be explained (e.g. the man).
  - The mention of birds is likely just to help demonstrate the size of the tree.
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- The kingdom of God doesn't seem like much...
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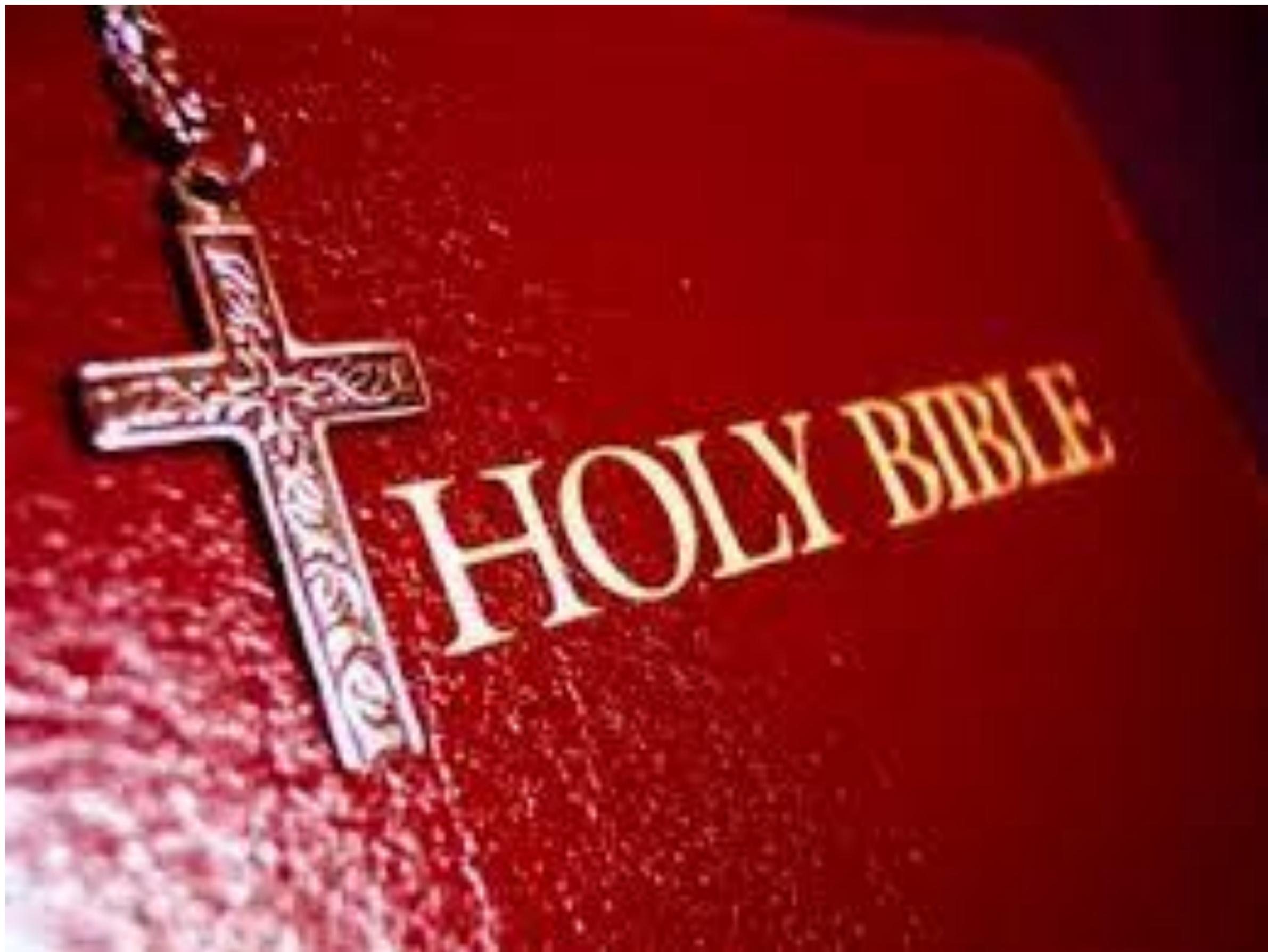




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- The kingdom of God does not appear like much to the eyes, like a mustard seed and yet through His Word and the Holy Sacraments, God has continued to create, sustain, and enlarge His Church.
  - Do not be scandalized by the seeming weakness and smallness of God's kingdom. Don't be scandalized by the weakness and smallness of those in God's kingdom. Don't be scandalized by your own weakness and smallness.
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# 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

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For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

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# Ephesians 2:8-9

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For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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# Psalm 90:1-2

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# The Parable of the Prodigal Son

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# A little context

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- Jesus told this parable to the Pharisees (experts in the Mosaic Law) and the scribes (men who copied the Scriptures).
  - The Pharisees and scribes were grumbling about the fact that Jesus “receives sinners and eats with them.”
  - This parable isn’t found in any of the other Gospel accounts.
  - This parable is told along with the parable of the lost sheep and the lost coin.
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And [Jesus] said, “There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

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And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was losing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

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But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'

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But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

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Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound. But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.

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But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with [sinners], you killed the fattened calf for him!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

(Luke 15:11-32)

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# Psalm 90:1-2

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# Elements

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- A man
  - An older son
  - A younger son
  - Share of property
  - Journey
  - Famine
  - Pigs
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# Elements (cont'd)

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- Father's servants
  - Best robe/ring on hand/shoes on feet
  - Fattened calf
  - House
  - Young goat
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- The main focus of the parable is found in the different reactions of the father and the oldest son.
  - What does prodigal mean?
    - Lavish or reckless living
  - What normally has to happen in order for someone to receive their inheritance?
  - Did the younger son use his inheritance wisely or responsibly? Where did he go to use it?
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- What does the younger son finally remember?
    - The goodness of his father even to his servants.
  - What is the younger son's plan for how to benefit again from his father's goodness.
  - What is so strange about the father's reaction to seeing his son? Why does Jesus point out that his son was "a long way off"?
  - Having received his father's compassion, what happens to the younger son's plan?
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- What do we call the younger son's words to his father?
    - Confession/repentance
    - There is no longer an attempt to make a deal. Only a confession of guilt and sorrow. In the face of his father's compassion, such a deal would be an insult.
  - What does the father do for his son?
    - Forgives him and restores him as a son.
  - What does the father's response teach us about God our Father?
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- What is the older son doing in the field?
  - How does the older brother respond to the news of his brother's repentance and restoration to the family?
  - Why is the older brother angry?
  - What same action does the father take for both sons?
    - Goes out to meet them.
  - What does the older son think his father's love should be based upon?
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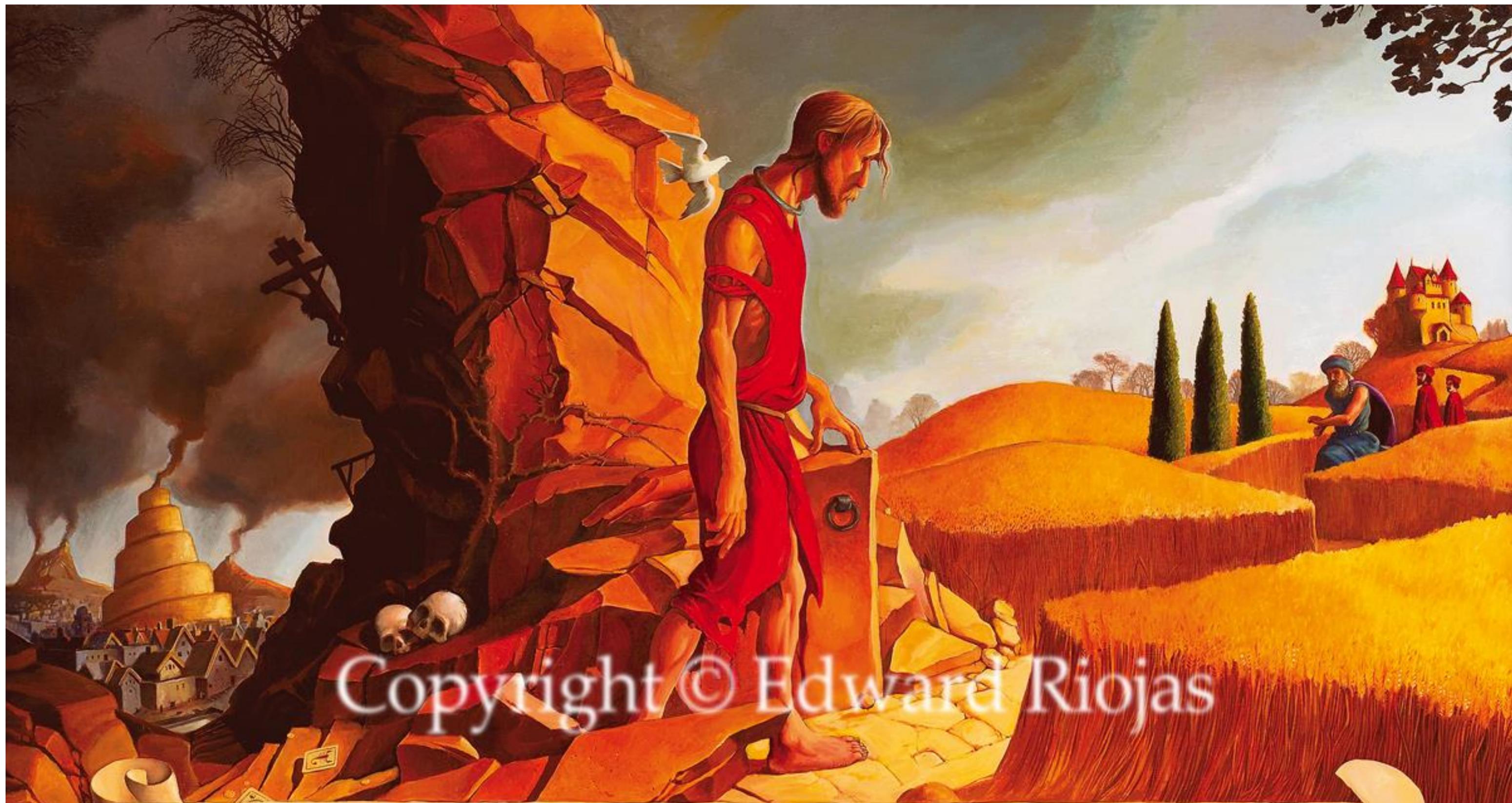
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- How is this like the Pharisees and scribes (and sometimes us!)?
  - Where did the older son refuse to go?
  - Did the father kill the fattened calf because the younger son was worthy of it or because of the love of the father?
  - What should our reaction be when a sinner repents and seeks forgiveness?
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- Our heavenly Father gladly receives those who repent of their sins and forgives them, receiving them back into the household of His Church. He rejoices over them!
  - We must not be like the older son who wouldn't come into the house because he thought he was more deserving of the father's love than his prodigal brother.
  - When baptized Christians confess, they are returning to the sonship of their Baptism, which our Father gladly restores to us.
  - There is no deal to be made for our restoration. It is purely a gift and the Father rejoices to give it!
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But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion

# Psalm 90:1-2

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Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

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