

TWO WAYWARD SONS

In Luke 15, we have 3 parables of something lost. First, there was the lost sheep, then the lost coin. Finally we have the parable of the prodigal son, and his brother. These 2 boys were lost in different ways. Let's read the text of the first one then examine the case of the 2nd son. Read Lk.15:11-24

I. 1st, LIFE IN THE FAR COUNTRY.

A. The desire to go there. vs. 12,13

1. Foolish examined.
 - a. Seeking his inheritance.
 - b. Journey TO the far country.
2. The far country.
 - a. Wasted in riotous living. v. 12, 20
 - b. Expensive. v. 14
 - c. Place of famine. v. 14
 - 1) Began to be in want.
 - 2) Took a deplorable job. v. 15
 - 3) Became very hungry. v.16

B. Desire to go home.

II. 2nd, LIFE OUT OF THE FAR COUNTRY.

A. Began with his return to sanity. v. 17a

1. Realized his lost condition.
2. Remembered 2 things:
 - a. His father's house. v. 17bc
 - b. His present condition. v.17a
3. Resolved to return and repent. v. 18, 19
4. Reunion. v. 20
 - a. Father welcomed him back. v. 20
 - b. His confession. v. 21
5. Rejoicing. v. 22-24

B. Reaction of the elder brother. v. 1, 25-32

III. 3Rd, LEARN THREE THINGS.

- A. 1st, the free moral agency of man.
- B. 2nd, temptation is strong.
- C. 3rd, the "far country" is not always a good place.
 1. Where one is separated from sin.
 2. Where life is wasted.
 3. Of spiritual famine.
 4. Of insanity.
 5. Where sin is against heaven.
 6. Where one is dead in sins.
 7. Where one is lost.

If you are in the "far country" right now, won't you come home?