



Dear Precious Friend,

## **PRODIGAL SON: 2006**

Most Christians have identified with the Prodigal son. *Luke 15:11-32* The parable is certainly about the universal love of the Father towards all His children and our own personal journey back home to a God who received us with open arms.

In the age of the Gentiles, it has surely been a picture of the Gentile son coming into the Father's House through the blood of Yeshua without the works of the law. In this hour, however, the Lord has shown me that this parable is about Israel coming back to the Father's house and a word of caution to the Church to watch her heart attitude as the celebration in God's heart begins to unfold for all the world to see.

Israel is coming to her senses, even as the prodigal son in the pigpen of the world came to his. Divine thinking is being restored to her with a renewed confession that it is better in the Father's house. The Father is on the lookout, overflowing with compassion, waiting for the first sign of repentance in order to begin the Great Run toward His son. He is getting ready to fall on His neck, kiss him and call for the resurrection celebration to begin. "For your brother was dead and is alive again."

Israel is getting ready, through her Messiah, for the last leg of her long journey back to the Father with the cry that she has sinned against heaven and in the sight of the Lord and that she is not worthy to be called a son. As a true sign of her full repentance, she is humbly seeking to be a servant in her Father's house. God the Father, however, is calling for the best robe, the ring and shoes to be put on his son. Israel will be restored to her predestined position of sonship by grace and not by works. She will not have to earn this mercy, even as the Gentiles did not have to earn theirs.

I have been sharing this message in the Body of Christ, that Israel is coming home and encouraging many to come into the Father's house to join in the celebration. It is clear from the parable that the other son, that could very well represent the church, has a wrong heart attitude. He is angry and refuses to go into the house. He complains to the Father that although he had slaved for many years, and never transgressed the commandment, he had never been thrown a party quite like this one.

Doesn't this sound very much like the first hired hand grumbling when the last worker got the same pay as he did, though he bore the burden and heat of the day? *Mathew 20:12*. It would seem that the Church has borne the heat for two thousand years, if we fail to keep our eyes on the bigger historical picture and fail to consider what "price" Israel has paid to bring forth the Messiah and to reveal Him to the world. This Jewish High Priest took, not only Jewish sin upon his predestined body, but Gentile sin as well and was raised from the dead glorified." And the glory You gave Me, I have given

them, that they may be one, even as we are one. And I am glorified in them." *John 17:10;22* The Glorified One in us makes us one. Yes, we are truly one body, His body. There will never be another.

In this hour, the parable of the prodigal son is certainly about Israel coming home, but it is also about the Father's heart regarding the unity of His children. The other son refused to come into the house to celebrate the prodigal's return and stayed out in the field. Much of the church has stayed out in the field doing good works while disregarding the call to come in concerning her brother, Israel. In this parable, however, the father comes out to entreat his son to come into his house to celebrate the return of his prodigal. This is a picture of Father God calling us all into His house for this glorious resurrection party. The glory of the latter day house will be greater than the former. For if the casting away of them was the reconciling of the world, what will the receiving of them be but life from the dead! *Romans 11:15* The gifts and calling of God to the Jewish people are irrevocable. *Romans 11:29* Paul said that he was being judged for the hope of the promise of resurrection life to his forefathers. *Acts 26:6-8* The reality of resurrection life is one of Israel's redemptive gifts to be displayed and poured out on the whole world. Israel's gifts and calling have not been taken away from her and given to another people. They have been "put on hold" while the Father works out the redemptive gifting of the Gentiles. The Gentiles have been prepared to provoke Israel to godly jealousy when they see God's gift of mercy and grace in true operation, "that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy." *Romans 11:31*

Jesus prayed that we may all be one, even as He and the Father are one, that we may be perfected in one. Our gifts and callings as Gentiles and Jews cannot operate in perfection without our union even as the persons of the Godhead do not work independently of one another, "God having foreseen something better for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." *Hebrews 11:40* There is an exponential increase of God's power and glory when we are one. Even as the persons of the Godhead are not added to make three, but multiplied to make One, so are we. (One times One times One equals One). "For one can chase a thousand and two can chase ten thousand." *Deuteronomy 32:30* Beloved, there is no arithmetic in the Spirit, only multiplication. When we come together as a unit, there are no limitations. This is why the enemy has ferociously fought our unity. However, as we step into the Father's house together, the walls of separation will come down, so that God can fill us all in all. The Church has sought the Lord for the restoration of the gifts of the Spirit and for His glory to be poured out from on high. This has happened in measure, but the fulfillment of these promises will not be complete without Israel coming into the Father's House.

Jesus said that in His Father's house were many dwelling places. He was going back to the Father even as He proceeded out from Him. Even so, in Him, we are going "back to the Father."

"For through Him, we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the HOUSEHOLD of God. And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone. In whom all the building fitly framed together grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are BUILT TOGETHER FOR A HABITATION OF GOD through the Spirit." *Ephesians 2:18-22*

*Thank you Lord, for the great return of Your son to Your House. We are privileged to be in Your house for such a time as this. Lord, make us one, even as You are One. We believe you, Lord, for a great celebration of resurrection life to be poured out upon all of us and upon the whole world.*

In the Father's precious love,

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