

The Prodigal Son (Part 2)

Continuing from [last Sunday's study](#)...

12. *".....threw his arms around him and kissed him."* This son had spent his previous days living in squalor with pigs, but the father only saw his son returned to him at last.
13. *"The son said to him,....."*
 - A. *"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you....."*
 - B. *"I am no longer worthy to be called your son"*
14. *"But the father said to his servants....."* The father interrupted the confession, the son did not need to ask to be a servant, for he was his son.
15. *"Bring the best robe and put it on him."* He was to be clothed and adorned as a member of family, as if the time between had not happened.
16. *".....for this son of mine was dead and is alive again."* The unrepentant sinner is frequently compared to being dead. ([Rom. 6:13](#), [Rev. 3:1](#))
17. *".....when he came near the house, he heard music and dancing."* He heard the sounds of the joy Jesus had spoken of in [Luke 15:7, 10](#).
18. *"The older brother became angry and refused to go in."* His actions were that of the Pharisees of the time, or judgmental Christians of the modern church.
19. *".....so, his father went out and pleaded with him."* The pleading Father shows the efforts God goes through to sway the proud, exclusive, self-righteousness of the Pharisees. ([Luke 13:34](#), [Acts 13:44, 45](#))
20. *"All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders."* The justification for the elder son's behavior shows his pride next to the younger son's humble confession.
21. *".....my son,' the father said, 'you are always with me.....'"* The father points out to his son the privilege he's had being with the father, which the son counted as slavery.
22. *".....because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."*