

THE LOVE OF GOD, WAITING

Luke 15:11-24

WHAT IS "ADVENT?"

- The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Christ Jesus the Savior, in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King, in his Second Advent.**
- It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God's love in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God.**

ADVENT

- **Of Christ, the Savior of the World**
 - Provide Forgiveness of our Sins
- **The Plan to Reconcile Us to God**
 - Provide an Invitation to Return to God
 - And a call to Repentance
- **This Truth in Parables**
 - The Prodigal Son

LUKE 15

11 And He said, “A man had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, **give me the share of the estate that falls to me.**’ So he divided his wealth between them. 13 And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there **he squandered his estate** with loose living. 14 Now when he had **spent everything**, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he **began to be impoverished.**

LUKE 15b

¹⁵ So he went and **hired himself out** to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶ And he would have gladly filled his stomach with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was **giving *anything* to him.** ¹⁷ But **when he came to his senses,** he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!’

LUKE 15c

¹⁸ **I will** get up and go to my father, and will say to him, “**Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight;** ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me **as one of your hired men.**”” ²⁰ So he got up and came to his father. **But** while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and **felt compassion** *for him*, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

LUKE 15d

21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'²² But the father said to his slaves, '**Quickly** bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet;²³ and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and **let us eat and celebrate**;²⁴ for this son of mine **was dead** and has come to life again; he **was lost** and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.

LUKE 15

⁷ I tell you that in the same way, there **will be more joy in heaven** over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is **joy in the presence of the angels** of God over one sinner who repents.”

³² But **we had to celebrate** and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and *has begun* to live, and *was lost and has been found.*””

JOHN

16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.**

GENESIS 1

²⁶ Then God said, “**Let Us make man in Our image**, according to **Our likeness**; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

GENESIS

2:17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for **in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.**”

GOD'S PLAN

Gen.22:¹⁷ indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. ¹⁸ In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

GOD FINISHED HIS PLAN

Matt.26:27 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for **this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.**

Jesus completed the work for our salvation, by dying on a cross.

ONE QUESTION REMAINS

Like the prodigal son, realizing how far you have left God, and you are condemned by your sins,

Do you want to restore your fellowship with God?