

## SERMON NOTES

### ***The Prodigal God*** ***“We Had to Celebrate”***

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“Father, give me my share of the estate” [v. 11]

“So he divided his property between them.” [v. 12]

“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country where he squandered his wealth in wild living.” [v. 13]

“When he came to his senses . . .” [v. 17]

“I will set out and go back to my father” [v. 18]

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“Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate.” [vv. 22-23]

“For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. So they began to celebrate.” [v. 24]

“When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.” [v. 25]

“My son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. We had to be glad and celebrate, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” [vv. 31-32]

“I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.” [Matthew 8:11]

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“On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine- the best of meats and the finest of wines.

On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.” [Isaiah 25:6-8]

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.’ [Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints].

Then the angel said to me, ‘Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’ [Revelation 19:7-9]

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“I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God.” [Mark 14:25]

“But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” [v. 32]