

## PERISHING AMONG PLENTY

The title that the translators give to this parable is indicative of how men through the ages have looked at sin.

It has been called the parable of the prodigal son.

It has been called the parable of the lost son.

But in ~~reality~~ <sup>really</sup> it is the parable of two lost sons.

And in reality the case of the elder son is most tragic because he never came back. The Prodigal came to himself and returned to the Fathers house and was received safe and sound but the elder son never did come to himself and realize that he too had become a stranger in his fathers house and was lost, Just as surely lost as if he had been in the swine pens of the far country.

This message is always used to appeal to sinners because we think that the christian has no message here, But contrary to that view this is a parable of direct rebuke and a solemn warning to the religious leaders of Christs day.

People of our day have become most proficient in discriminating between sin and sin,  
SOME SINS ARE BAD AND SOME ARE EXCUSED.

### (THE PRODIGAL)

### (ELDER BROTHER)

SIN OF APPETITE

SIN OF DISPOSITION

FORSOOK FATHER

REMAINED AT HOME

SQUANDERED GOODS

INCREASED GOODS

KEPT BAD COMPANY

WAS WITH FRIENDS

CAME FROM SWINE PENS

HOME FROM A DAYS WORK

SIN OF APPETITE  
EASILY SEEN

SIN OF DISPOSITION  
HIDDEN UNTIL SOMETHING  
BRINGS IT OUT

BOTH SONS SUFFERED SHIPWRECK ON THE SHOALS OF SEFLISHNESS

THE PRODIGAL PERISHED WITH HUNGER IN:

- 1- A far country
- 2- A land of famine
- 3- In company with hogs
- 4- In loneliness without friends

THE ELDER BROTHER PERISHED

- 1- IN FATHERS HOUSE
  - 2- At a table spread with good things
  - 3- Among friends and loved ones.
  - 4- Had the key to every storehouse
- But he never availed himself of the opportunity.

The Prodigal Son took his journey into a far country.

The road away from God leads to: want of Fellowship

- 1- WANT \* Want of food. want of Respect,
- 2- MORAL COLLAPSE.- The stain of sin undermines the
- 3- LONELINESS. No friends. Character.

Man is a social animal. HERS 942982052 BRINGS US TO THE LEVEL OF THE PIGS

If I were an artist I would paint the picture of the Prodigal son. (MAN ABOVE ALL OTHER CREATURES) HIS CHOICE

Man can reach for the stars or sink into the pits of Hell. By the power of Choice a man may live with angels or he may dwell with demons.

The Prodigal was not at home among the Hogs. ✓  
He was made for something better. (Man and animals)

He looked at the ~~hogs~~ <sup>swine</sup> and said, ~~Goodby~~ <sup>Goodbye</sup> H<sup>o</sup>gs.

I was made for made for something better.

My hands were made to handle the silver dishes of a Rich mans home.

My feet were made to wear shoes of comfort.

My body was made to wear the best robe.  
I was never intended to eat the husks of a swine  
skin.

SINK INTO SIN

Why will a man ~~show himself~~. He had to learn, <sup>to</sup> SIN

Why will he ~~show~~ <sup>BE</sup> become a slave to <sup>evil</sup> hobbits.  
He has to learn

Why will he drink beer and liquor. He has to

Why will he dissipate his body. ~~he must~~ learn to do it  
THE PRODIGAL CAME HOME-- (THE LITTLE BOY AND THE TENNIS

The Elder son came from the field and heard music and  
dancing.  
He wanted to know what it meant.

The good news was bitter news for him.

He was afraid he would lose some of his part.

He pouted and would not go in.

(Bro Beacham\*\* No he's my brother)

There ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> more hope for  
AN HONEST SINNER  
than a self-righteous  
hypocrite