

Series: Son of Man

Title: Heaven's Joy

Text: (Lk 15:1-32)

(Vs 1-2) (Matt 9:12-13)

(Vs 3-6) *Illus: You ever lose a sheep?*

(Vs 7) Completely oblivious of Heaven's Joy!

(Vs 8-9) Loss of Something Precious!

(Vs 10) Completely oblivious of Heaven's Joy!

(Vs 11-12) Presumptuous to ask, Dad isn't dead Yet

This was not the will of the Father: (Prov 15:5)

A Fool cannot be reasoned with! (Prov 12:15)

The Smartest thing the father did, was let him go!

(Vs 13-14a) *"And when he had spent all" You will spend All*

(Vs 14b) Life never goes the way you think. (Prov 5:8-11)

(Vs 15) Sin will take you farther than you want to go.

(Vs 16) Hunger has a way of bringing our Pride down.

(Vs 17) Jr. finally hits Bottom - & was fortunate to be alive!

(Vs 18-19) Jr. Realized his BETRAYAL! (Prov 11:2)

(Vs 20a & 21) ***Repentance!*** - *He arose, & came to his father*

(Vs 20b) Jr. was completely oblivious to the Father's love.

(Vs 21) - (1 John 1:9)

(Vs 22-24) Heaven's Joy! - (Luke 15:7,10)

(Vs 25-28) The Elder Brother is a picture of the Pharisees

I. Attitude of Unforgiveness: Lk 15:28-30

A. Self Righteous: VS 29 *Look at me, I serve, I Obey,*

B. Self Deceived: (Matt 7:3-4)

We Compare ourselves to others: (2 Cor 10:12)

(1 Pet 2:21) *We are not the standard, Jesus is!*

That's a Lie—Don't think too highly of yourself! **Rom 3:23!**

Seek only God's commendation: (James 4:10)

C. Self Centered: He felt Cheated. Vs 29c *yet thou never*

D. Selfish: Greedy Vs 29d *"Never gavest me a kid"*

(Vs 12) *And he divided unto them his living*

(vs 31) *All that I have is thine!*

It wasn't your stuff Anyway!

(Matt 20:10-15) Working for a penny a day.

II. He had No Joy for his brothers return Because he had no forgiveness:

A. Don't forget where you came from: (Ps 40:2)

(Lk 15:17-19) *Didn't just think about it,*

He humbled himself & did it! (Vs 21)

1. Recognize our own sin: (Is 64:6; Rom 3:10, 3:23)

2. Accept Forgiveness: (Eph 1:7)

3. Forgive and be forgiven: (Matt 6:14-15; 18:32-35)

B. Cannot forgive others: (Ps 103:14)(Mic 7:19)

III. He could not forgive, because He didn't realize how precious his brother is to the Father!

(Vs 30) *"Thy Son"* he blamed the Father for this.

You have forgotten how precious you are to the Savior!

1. You have never met my Jesus! (Heb 7:25)

2. God's Love is not dependent upon your behavior:

(Jer 31:3; Deut 7:7-8)

3. Lk 23:34 (1 Tim 1:15) *Chief of Sinners*

You are the reason He came! (Lk 19:10)

Jesus was motivated to action & sacrifice! (Rom 5:8)