



# THE RETURN OF PRODIGALS

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*The Lord is saying that, "My heart is with the prodigal. My heart goes out... I weep for the ones who are missing. I weep for the lost. I leave the 90 and 9 and go after the 1 lost one. My heart is always toward the lost," says the Spirit of God.*

*"And many people are lost and aren't aware of it; Sometimes it comes upon them unawares. The enemy sets snares for people. He's able to trap them in snares. And it takes prayer and it takes believing and it takes love and it takes encouragement and it takes all the forces of My kingdom to retrieve the ones who go astray; to retrieve the lost ones. There are people who have been deceived into thinking that I am merely religion – that if they go through the motions, then that is the same thing as having relationship with the Father.*

*"And this is what I desire from everybody: relationship with Me. There is nothing that is a substitute for relationship with Me," says the Lord. "Where you call Me 'Father,' and I call you 'Son.' Where you call Me when you have needs, and I tell you and instruct you how to get those needs met. And you live your life in a comfort and a dignity that comes through knowing Me," says the Spirit of God. "And I ordained that men would know Me first, and put Me first in all things and never stray from that. NEVER stray from that.*

*"But when straying happens, My heart is toward that lost one. My heart is toward them, and I go after them, and I send people after them," says the Spirit of God. "I send them in the realm of prayer, and I send them in the realm of My Word, and My prophecy, and My vision that I have over that soul," says the Spirit of God. "I send them with a vision to see that soul come back into the security and the safety of the Father's house.*

*"For it is not My will that anybody perish; you can always pray for salvation for any soul," says the Lord. "And I consider all souls worth saving," says the Spirit of God. "But know that there are snares laid by the enemy, and you who continue with Me are wise in that you didn't fall into that snare, but there are many snares," says the Lord. "Always humble yourself. Consider yourself blessed. Never take credit for the fact that you've continued with Me, but understand that as a good shepherd I have led you and as a humble sheep you have obeyed My voice.*

*"So, Take heart!" says the Spirit of God. "For I am calling many many many back unto me this year, as I do every year, but especially this year," says the Spirit of God. "For this year, 2011, is starting a new decade – a new 10-year period – where there is ample grace to see salvation, ample grace to forgive, ample grace to have repentance in your heart, and ample grace to feel my great love even for those who are lost for whatever reason; those who are astray for whatever reason.*

*"So believe Me," says the Lord. "Believe Me that I want them back unto Me. I want them in the Father's house, and as they dwell under the shadow of the Almighty, then I can bless them with the blessings that they so abundantly need, that their hearts long for," says the Spirit of the Living God.*

*"Let them come back. Let them embrace Me. Let them lock in to My Spirit, and let them be able to abide with Me and learn from Me," says the Spirit of the Living God.*

*"And the empty seats will be filled by those who really love and want to serve Me," says the Lord. "Help them to lock in. Be the witness that I know you can be. Live for Me, and live as a good example before men, and surely they will stay and they will grow, and they will flourish just as you do," says the Spirit of the Living God.*

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## PRAY FOR THE PRODIGAL

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### *Backsliders*

1. Thank God for His word. *“God hates the putting away.”* Jesus come with the faithfulness of Hosea in forgiving the backsliding, adulterous bride.
2. Break power of Rebellion and Witchcraft over the church. Loose a spirit of Marriage and Commitment to our first love—Jesus.
3. Pray for the assembling of the body together and the faithfulness of the bride to her beloved: *“My beloved is mine and I am His.”*
4. Release Godly sorrow as a motivation for repentance of sin. Ask that the backslider recognize the holiness of God. Pray for brokenness and commitment to a life of repentance.
5. Bind hypocrisy and loose truth.
6. Prayer for the rebellious and the backsliders. *“Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground for it is time to seek the Lord till He come and rain righteousness upon you”* (Hosea 10:12).
7. *“Break thou the arm of the wicked and evil man; seek out his wickedness till thou find none”* (Psalm 10:15).
8. Loose the hounds of heaven to sniff and dog them until they repent.
9. Ask God to release a spirit of repentance and conviction for sin over them. Ask for mercy. Ask God to forgive them.
10. Thank God that He devises a means that His banished ones be not expelled from Him. (2 Samuel 14:14).
11. Pray the Lord of the Harvest send laborers to compel them back to the Father’s house.

*Father, thank you that this is the year the prodigals are returning... where there is ample grace to see salvation, ample grace to forgive, ample grace to have repentance in our hearts, and ample grace to feel your great love even for those who are lost or who are astray for whatever reason.*

*Psalm 119:176*

“I have gone astray like a lost sheep; Seek Your servant, For I do not forget Your commandments.”

*Lord, we pray that you hear the cries of your lost sheep.*

*Good Shepherd, we ask you to seek for them and bring them home safely.*

*Job 33:14-30*

For God may speak in one way, or in another, yet man does not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on their beds, Then He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction. In order to turn man from his deed, and conceal pride from man, He keeps back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

Man is also chastened with pain on his bed, And with strong pain in many of his bones, So that his life abhors bread, and his soul succulent food. His flesh wastes away from sight, And his bones stick out which once were not seen. Yes, his soul draws near the pit and his life to the executioners.

If there is a messenger for him, A mediator, one among a thousand, To show man His uprightness, Then He is gracious to him, and says, ‘Deliver him from going down to the pit; I have found a ransom’; His flesh shall be young like a child’s, He shall return to the days of his youth. He shall pray to God, and He will delight in him, He shall see His face with joy, For He restores to man His righteousness. Then he looks at men and says, ‘I have sinned, and perverted what was right, and it did not profit me.’ He will redeem his soul from going down to the pit, and his life shall see the light.

Behold, God works all these things, twice, in fact, three times with a man, to bring back his soul from the pit, That he may be enlightened with the light of life.

*Hosea 2:6-7*

Therefore, behold, I will hedge up your way with thorns, And wall her in, So that she cannot find her paths. She will chase her lovers, But not overtake them; Yes, she will seek them, but not find them. Then she will say, “I will go and return to my first husband, For then it was better for me than now.”

*Luke 15:17-21*

But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.

And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son."

But the father said to his servants, "Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." And they began to be merry.

*Jeremiah 24:7*

I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.

*Zechariah 10:6b,8*

"I will bring them back because I have compassion on them, and they shall be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the Lord their God and I will answer them... I will whistle for them and gather them in, for I have redeemed them, and they shall be as many as they were before," declares the Lord.

*2 Corinthians 5:17-19*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

*We declare that we do not despise the riches of Your goodness, Your forbearance, and Your longsuffering; for we know that the goodness of God leads us to repentance, (Romans 2:4).*

*Father, we declare that we will let them come back. We will let them embrace you. We will let them lock in to your Spirit so they will be able to abide with you and learn from you.*

*As ministers of your reconciliation, we will be your witnesses. We will live for You, and live as a good example before men. And surely they will stay and they will grow, and they will flourish just as we do. In*

*Jesus' Name. Amen*