

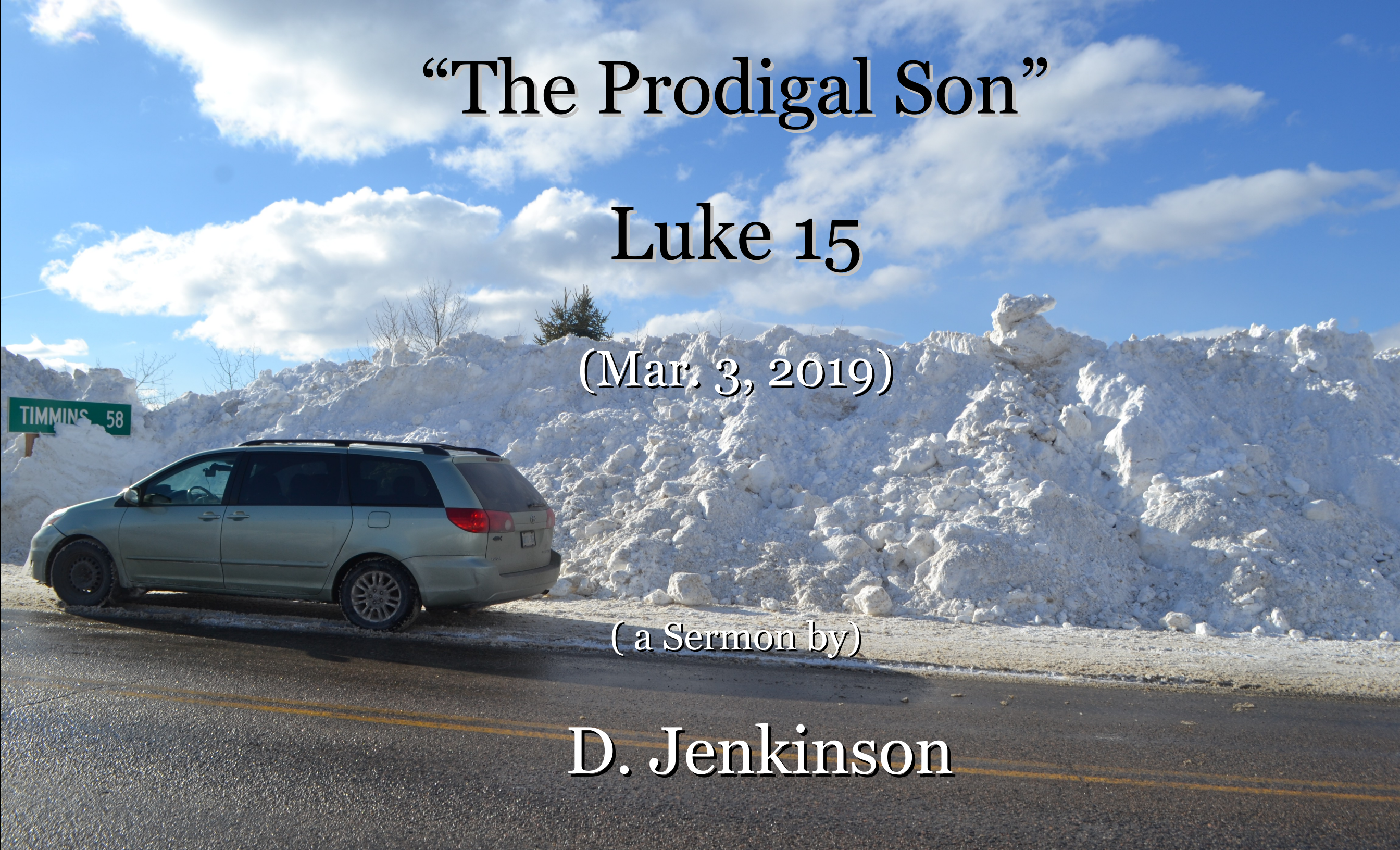
“The Prodigal Son”

Luke 15

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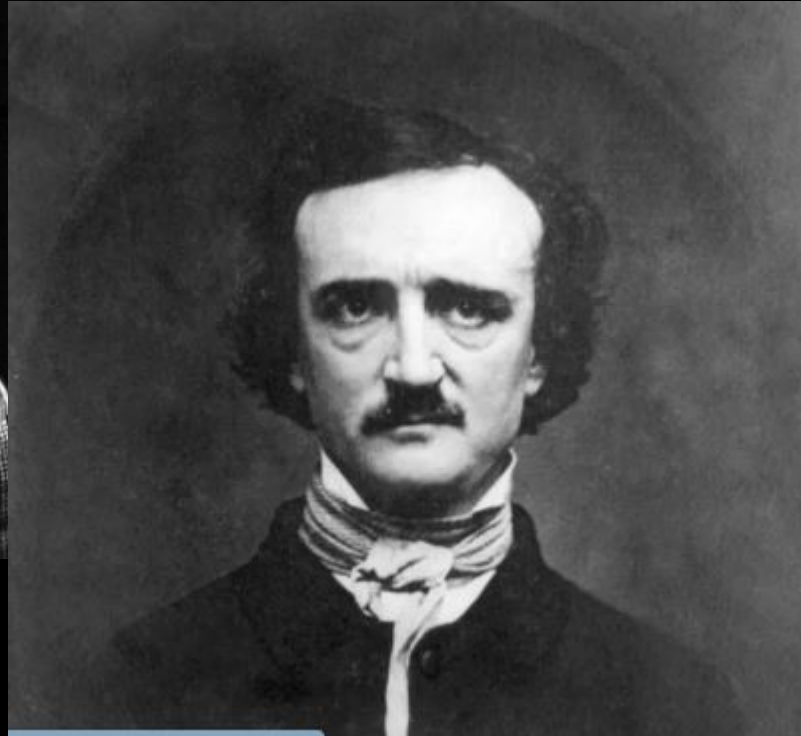
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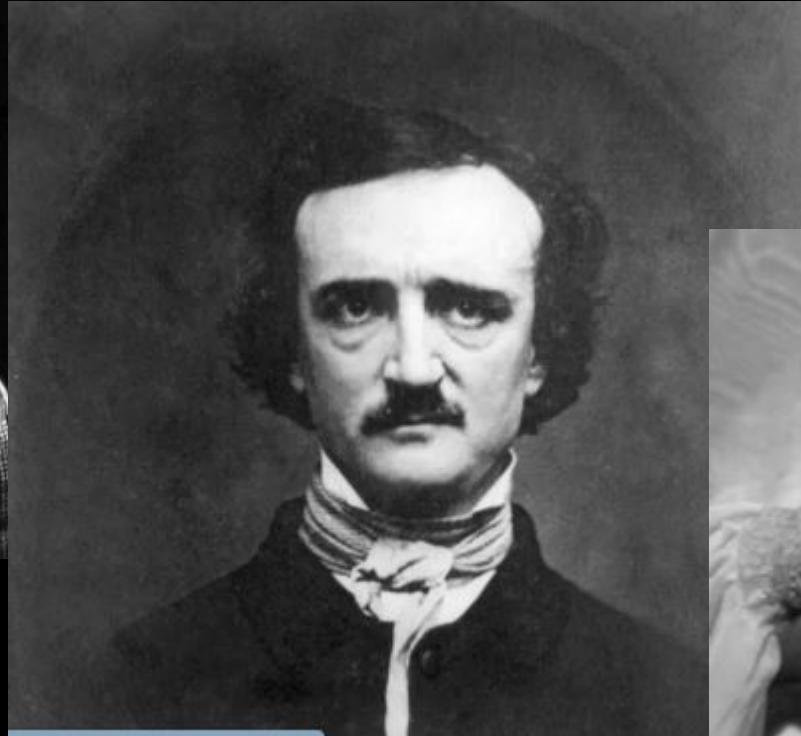
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All were extremely popular
And wealthy in life, but died
Almost in abject poverty.

“ Luke's Gospel ”



“ Lk.-Unique in that it presents
Jesus as The Perfect Man”



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Luke 15: 2 And the Pharisees **AND**
SCRIBES complained, saying,
"This Man receives sinners and
eats with them."



Part 1- Destruction (v. 11-16)

11 Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the allotted portion of the family estate of the goods that belong to me.' So he distributed to them both of all his estate. 13 And not many days passed when the younger son gathered all together, and traveled to a far away region, and there dissipated all his wealth with a life of parties and luxury.

14 But when he had wasted all *his inheritance*, there began a massive famine in that region, and he started to experience poverty. 15 Then he journeyed and hired himself to a citizen of that country, who dispatched him to his farm in order to feed *his pigs*.

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Lets review the 6-errors in thinking which led the younger to this position:

#1. Erred in thinking that money was the most important thing-

What is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?
(Mt. 16:26)

2. Erred in traveling far away
3. Erred in dissipation of wealth
(wasting- prodigal)
4. Erred in thinking that the good
life would continue
5. Erred in hiring himself to a pig
farmer
6. Erred in lusting for pig food

Part 2- Decision (v. 17-20)

17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread in abundance, but I am dying here with hunger! 18 I will stand up and return to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before your face, 19 and I am no longer deserving to be called your son. Employ me as one of your hired workers" ' 20 "And he stood up and returned to his father.

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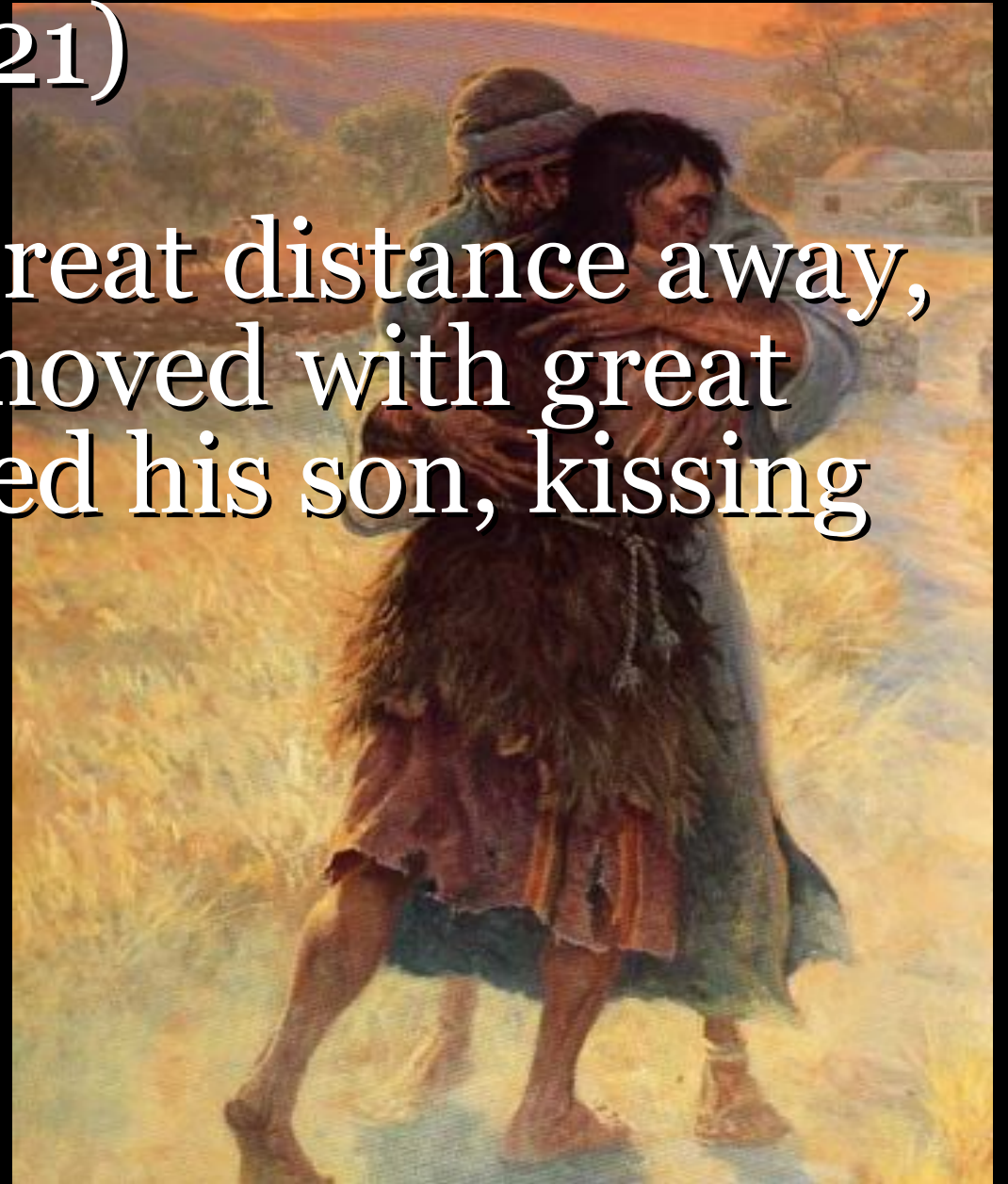
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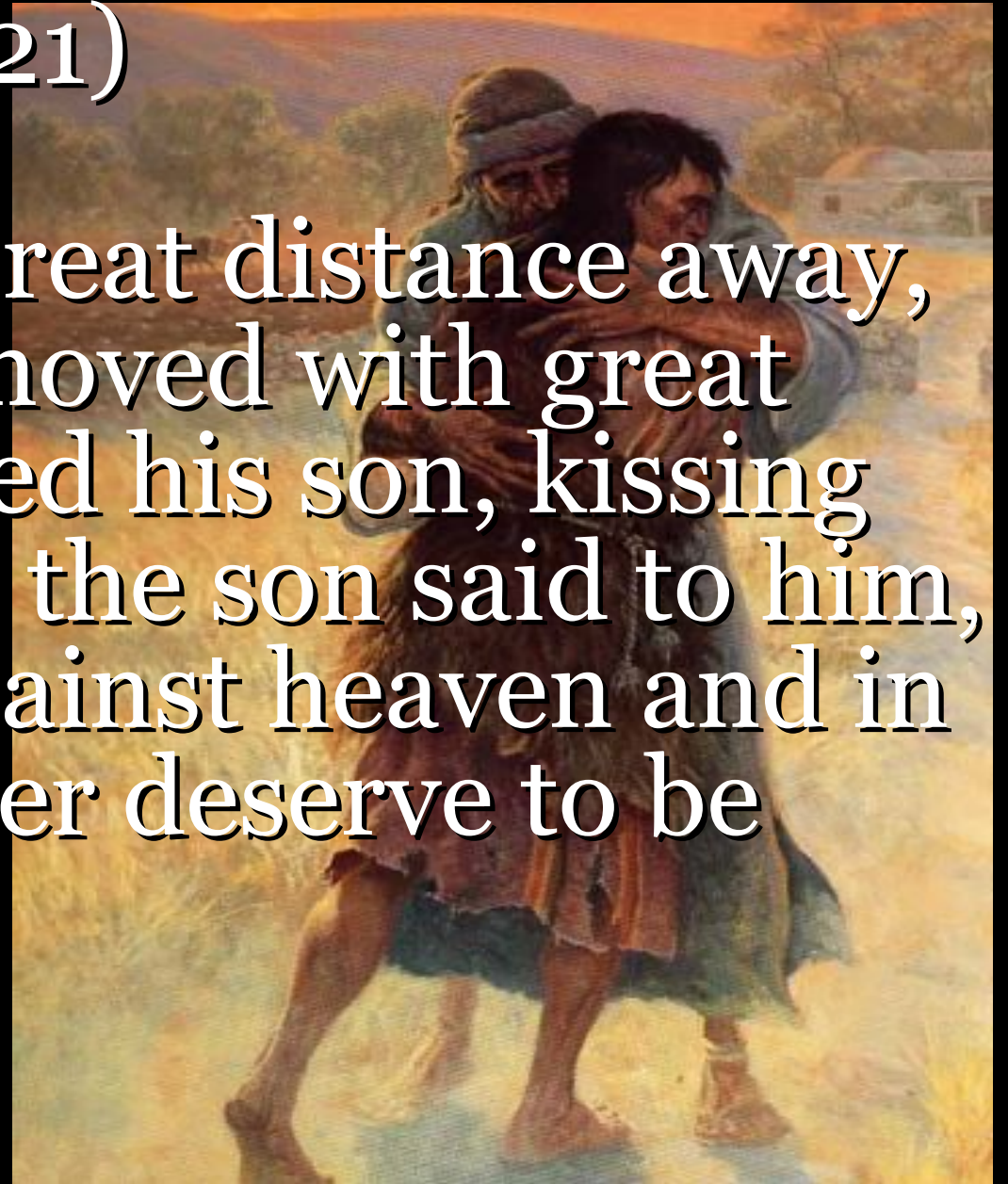
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- d. “I no longer deserve” ...true humility

Part 3- Delights (v. 22-24)

22 "But the father said to his servants,
'Bring out the best garments and put them
on him, and give him a ring for his hand
and shoes for his feet. 23 And fetch the
grain fed calf here and slaughter it, and let
us eat and rejoice; 24 for this my son was
dead and risen from the dead, he was
destroyed and is now found.' And they
began to be merry.

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Byzantine wedding ring, depicting Christ uniting the bride and groom, 7th century, nielloed gold (Musée du Louvre)

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Biblical Sandals



• "And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot."

• (Deut. 29:5)

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e. The Best Music

Part 4- Demanding (v. 25-28)

25 "Now his older brother was out in the field. And as he came in and approached the house, he heard a concert of instruments and crowds dancing. 26 So he called one of the young servants and demanded "What is all this?" 27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has arrived and your father has butchered the grain fed calf, because he has returned in good health. 28 "Now the *older brother* was furious and would not even enter *the house*. So his father came outside and implored with him.

29 So he responded to his father, 'Look, all these many years I have been like a slave to you; I never neglected at any time your instructions and yet you have never given me even a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours returns home, he who has devoured all your estate with the purchase of parties and prostitution, you go ahead and roast the grain fed calf, *all* for him.'

31 "And he said to him, 'Son, you have been always with me, and all that I have is yours. 32 It was right that we should rejoice and be full of merriment, for your brother was dead and has come back to life, and was destroyed and has been found safe.



A man in a dark coat and hat is talking to a woman in a yellow dress in a rustic setting. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right. They are standing in front of a stone wall with a wooden door. The man is gesturing with his hands as he speaks. The woman is looking at him. In the background, there is a wooden bench and some greenery.

a. The Elder Brother heard the music- and fumed

b. The Elder Brother became furious at the grace to his brother

c. The Elder Brother separated himself from the father (stayed out)



d. The Elder Brother believed he was owed a party...his reward was based on works!

e. The Elder Brother missed the whole point.....

This chapter makes it clear that there is one message of salvation: God welcomes and forgives repentant sinners. But these parables also reveal that there are two aspects to this salvation. There is God's part: the shepherd seeks the lost sheep, and the woman searches for the lost coin. But there is also man's part in salvation, for the wayward son willingly repented and returned home. The older son, thought he didn't need to repent...like the Pharisees!

Modern Prodigal Son Story-

Vince Linchlyter



What about your story?

What will you do with Jesus?

