

## Lost in the sight of home

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### Introduction

1. Luke 15:11-32
2. One of the missions of Christ was to seek those that are lost Luke 19:10
3. This chapter tells about things that were lost then found.
4. This parable of the Prodigal son really has two sons in it, we most of the time emphasis one of the sons.
5. The elder brother shows the attitude of many that are out in the sight of home.
6. Let us study somethings about this elder brother.

### II Discussion

1. Illustration from a long time ago Baby Jessica 1987
  1. She was 18 months old when she fell into a 8 inch well casting. It was 22 feet deep and she stayed in the well for 56 hours.
  2. They could touch her, but not hold her
  3. They could hear her, but not comfort her
  4. They could see her, but not help her
  5. We think that this was a terrible situation, yet there are many that fit into this same category in the church.
  6. Let us see why
2. Lost in spite of:
  1. Father's love verses 20-21
    1. God is love 1 John 4:8
    2. Many might think that God will not send anyone to hell because He is Love.
    3. Yet here is one that is lost in spite of the Father's love
    4. Deuteronomy 28:62-63; Romans 5:8-9; 1:18; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
  2. Brother's example verse 18-21
    1. He was not attending the services Hebrews 10:25
    2. He was now letting his light shine Matthew 5:16
    3. He was now following Christ 1 Corinthians 11:1
  3. Blessings at home
    1. All blessings are in Christ Ephesians 1:3
    2. What are these blessings 2:4 mercy and love; 2:5 grace; 2:14 peace; 2:15 abolished the law; 2:16 reconciliation; 2:19 fellow citizen
    3. God's Word will give on an inheritance Acts 20:32
3. Lost because of:
  1. His attitude verses 28-30
    1. How is your attitude toward those that repent
    2. To be forgiven we must forgive Matthew 6:15
    3. Are we ready to cast the first stone John 8:7
  2. His selfish, self-centered nature verse 29
    1. In truth his complaint was things did not go his way
    2. The church is not to be self-centered 1 Corinthians 12:14
  3. The fact that he could see no wrong in himself verse 29
    1. All have sinned Romans 3:23
    2. The only one who lived a sinless life was Christ Hebrews 4:15

### III Conclusion

1. The elder brother harmed himself and no one else
  1. Anger verse 28
  2. Sulking verse 28
  3. Felt sorry for himself verse 29
2. These are all wrong, and we have no reason to be that way

3. Remember all the blessings are in Christ and can be yours!

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