

Bread and to Spare: The Abundance of the Father's House (1)

Luke 15:11-24

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Parents and educators know all too well that different people learn in different ways.
1. Some are **visual** learners—they have to see it to “get it.”
 2. Some are **auditory** learners—they have to hear it to “get it.”
 3. Some are **sensory** learners—they have to touch it, do it, or experience it to “get it.”
 4. Some may be a combination of these three types.
- B. Regrettably, the younger son in Luke 15 appeared to be a **sensory** learner, who had applied to and been accepted to “The School of Hard Knocks” campus in the far country.
1. Even if he had **seen** other “graduates” returning from the far country (as a visual learner) or had **heard** about their perilous experience through their words or even lessons from his father (as an auditory learner), the younger son was determined to learn some of the fundamental and essential lessons of life the hard way.
 2. It turned out to be a painful experience for him, a painful experience for his father and a painful experience for Bible readers over the next two thousand years. His courses during his time in the far country started easy but grew more and more intense.
 - a. “He had spent all” his portion of his father’s livelihood (Luke 15:14).
 - b. “There arose a severe famine in that land.” He had nothing, and now the land was producing nothing.
 - c. Now, probably for the first time in his life, “he began to be in want.”
 - d. At this point, he was perishing “with hunger” (Luke 15:17), and “he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate” (Luke 15:16).
 - e. There is poor lad had reached rock bottom, and “no one gave him anything” (Luke 15:16). The young man had plummeted himself into a sad and pitiful state! Yet, it was on this occasion that he finally started learning.
 - d. Physically emotionally he must have been a wreck.
 3. The first decisive step he made to rectify his miserable situation was coming to this key realization—“**How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!**” (Luke 15:17).

4. The son thought about what he had left behind. He remembered all the tremendous blessings that were his back at home. He recognized that even the least in his father's house had abundantly more than he did. They had "bread" and he had none . . . They had "bread enough" and he had none . . . They had "bread enough and to spare" and he had none.
 - a. Away from his father's house, he possessed and enjoyed **none** of his father's blessings.
 - b. In more ways than just physically, this young man was "in want" and "perishing"! He realized that he needed to go home! . . . He realized he desperately needed his father

THE PRODIGAL SON REMEMBERED THE BREAD THAT WAS IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE

- A. The house of the prodigal's father is an integral part of the narrative in Luke 15. The son dwelt within his father's house for years and was the beneficiary of its bountiful blessings.
 1. He had cut himself off from the blessings still in his father's house.
 2. Those blessings were no longer his . . . He had abandoned them.
- B. The application for us today from this parable parallels the abundant blessings that our heavenly Father has for us. Only those who are in our Father's house are beneficiaries of His bountiful blessings. Before looking at some of these blessings, how are we to understand "the Father's house" today and can we be certain that the blessings of God are exclusively found therein?

KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING THE FATHER'S HOUSE

- A. Paul's epistle to the church in Ephesus has as its greatest emphasis the Father's house (Lord's Church)
- B. Paul wrote, particularly to the Gentile Christians, "Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners" (**Ephesians 2:19**). In other words, "You are no longer living outside the Father's house!"
 1. Paul continues, "But [you are] fellow citizens with the saints and members of **the household of God**" (**Ephesians 2:19**).
 2. Let us observe
 - a. The letter was addressed to the saints in the Father's house, who were "the faithful in Christ" (**Ephesians 1:1**).
 - b. Those who are "in Christ" are all part "of the same body" (**Ephesians 3:6**).
 - c. Those who are in the body of Christ are in the church of Christ (**Ephesians 1:22-23**).
 - d. Those who are in the church are those who are "a holy temple in the Lord," who are built together "for a dwelling place of God" (**Ephesians 3:19-22**).

- e. Those in whom the Lord “may dwell” are those who are in “the whole family” of the Father (**Ephesians 3:14-17**).
3. To summarize the book of Ephesians on this point: Christians are in the household of God . . . are in Christ . . . are in the body . . . are in the church . . . are the dwelling place of God . . . are in the family of the Father (the last of these, “the family,” bringing us full-circle with the first, “the household”).
 4. In our Father’s house (i.e., in Christ, in the body, in the church, in the presence of God, in the family of God), are there blessings enough and to spare

KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING GOD’S BLESSINGS

- A. Consider carefully and enjoy immensely the third verse of the book of Ephesians: “**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ**” (**Ephesians 1:3**).
- B. The passage provides four keys regarding the blessings of God that are essential to grasp at this point in the study (start at the end of the verse and work backwards):
 1. The **LOCATION** of God’s Blessings: **In Christ!** Based on the study above, this means that, in order to receive blessings from God, one must be in Christ, the body, the church, the temple and the family!
 2. The **ORIGIN** of God’s Blessings: **The heavenly places . . .** The blessings of God do not originate from man, nor can they be disseminated at man’s discretion. They are God’s blessings to give as God sees fit!
 3. The **NATURE** of God’s Blessings: **Spiritual!** While there are definitely physical blessings promised by God (cf. Mat. 6:25-34), the bread that truly matters is that which feeds and nourishes the soul, preparing it for eternity! The greatest blessings of God are those which are spiritual in nature!
 4. The **DISTRIBUTION** of God’s Blessings: **Every!** All spiritual blessings are included and no spiritual blessing is excluded.
- C. Are you in Christ? Are you in the Father’s house? Are you in the body, church, temple, family of God?
 1. God tells us that every spiritual blessing at His disposal is given only to those in Christ.
 2. When you pack your bags, leave the father's House and reside in the far country, then you separate yourself from the spiritual blessings available only in the Father's House.

(1) There is **BREAD** Enough And To Spare In The Father’s House

- A. Bread – representing all the physical blessings in his father’s house.
- B. People take things for granted until they no longer have those things.

1. Until that day when he eyed the swine's husks, he may have never realized how good he had it at home!
 2. He was perishing in hunger in the far country, when he could have been at home with bread (and all the physical blessings) enough and to spare.
- C. Is it possible that Christians in the Father's house today can fail to appreciate what they have, take them for granted, and then leave them.
- D. **"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ"** ([Ephesians 1:3](#)).
- E. Is there enough **BREAD**? . . . Is there enough for me? . . . Is there enough for everyone else who needs it? In my Father's house . . . That is in Christ . . . in His Church, and only in my Father's house, there is **BREAD** enough for me, **BREAD** enough for all, and to spare! . . . Would you not come to Him and partake of that **BREAD**?

(2) THERE IS GRACE ENOUGH AND TO SPARE IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE (148 times "grace" appears in the Bible)

- A. Grace may be one of those blessings (like bread) that we forget about and take for granted.
1. Grace has commonly been defined as "unmerited favor" or simply "getting what you do not deserve."
 2. One writer said this about grace: "The acceptance of and goodness toward those who cannot earn or do not deserve such gain". This description comes right from [Ephesians 1:6](#), "The glory of His grace, by which He has made us **accepted** in the Beloved."
 3. Without the grace of "the God of all grace" ([1 Peter 5:10](#)), we could never be accepted or "serve God acceptably"
 4. If it were not for God's grace, we would be forever condemned! Yet, we read this most beautiful thought—"by **grace you have been saved**" from sins ([Ephesians 2:8](#)).
 5. Is there enough grace? . . . Is there enough for me? . . . Is there enough for everyone else who needs it? [Titus 2:11](#) – "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men."
- B. As Paul discussed "the glory of His grace," he also emphasized
1. "The **riches** of His grace" ([Ephesians 1:7](#)),
 2. "The **exceeding riches** of His grace" ([Ephesians 2:7](#)),
 3. The "**abundance** of grace" ([Romans 5:17](#))
 4. And that "grace **abounded much more**" ([Romans 5:20](#)).
 5. "The grace of our Lord was **exceedingly abundant**, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus" ([1 Timothy 1:14](#)).

C. Is there enough **GRACE**? . . . Is there enough for me? . . . Is there enough for everyone else who needs it? In my Father's house . . . That is in Christ . . . in His Church, and only in my Father's house, there is **GRACE** enough for me, **GRACE** enough for all, and to spare! . . . Would you not come to Him and partake of that **GRACE**?

(3) **THERE IS MERCY ENOUGH AND TO SPARE IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE** (282 times "mercy" is mentioned in the Bible)

- A. Grace and mercy are sometimes hard to differentiate.
1. While grace entails specific favors and manifestations of God, mercy has sometimes been defined simply as "not getting what you do deserve."
 2. Grace can entail the movement of God on your behalf; mercy can sometimes entail the restraint of the movement of God on your behalf . . . for your own good.
- B. The mercy of God (who is "the Father of mercies," (2 Corinthians 1:3) involves the **compassion** of God toward those who are in need. "When the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared . . . according to His mercy He saved us" (Titus 3:4-5).
1. In Ephesians 2:4, Paul proclaims that God "is **rich** in mercy." The lesson we learn from the perseverance of Job is "that the Lord is **very** compassionate and merciful" (James 5:11).
 2. Our Father "according to His **abundant** mercy has begotten us again to a living hope" (1 Peter 1:3).
- C. Is there enough **MERCY**? . . . Is there enough for me? . . . Is there enough for everyone else who needs it? In my Father's house . . . That is in Christ . . . in His Church, and only in my Father's house, there is **MERCY** enough for me, **MERCY** enough for all, and to spare! . . . Would you not come to Him and partake of that **MERCY**?

(4) **THERE IS FORGIVENESS ENOUGH AND TO SPARE IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE** (8 times "forgiveness" appears in the Bible . . . "Forgiven 43 times . . . "Forgive 53 times . . . A total of 104 times)

- A. Some of the most wonderful and vivid prophecies of all the Old Testament concern the promise of forgiveness.
1. "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18).
 2. "For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." (Jeremiah 31:34).
 3. Yet, these promises of God are not fully appreciated until one comes to terms with the devastating consequences of one's sins — "Your iniquities

have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear” (Isaiah. 59:2).

- B. Apart from God, there is absolutely nothing that anyone can do to rectify this most egregious condition. Yet, due to the saving power of the blood of Jesus...
1. Those in the Father's house have “the **forgiveness** of sins” (Ephesians 1:7).
 2. Those in the Father's house have been “**washed** . . . from our sins in His own blood” (Revelation 1:5; Acts 22:16).
 3. Those in the Father's house have “been **justified** by His blood” (Romans 5:9).
 4. For those in the Father's house, “the blood of Jesus Christ His Son **cleanses** (present tense, continually) us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).
 5. Those in the Father's house are assured that He has “forgiven you **all** trespasses” (Colossians. 2:13).
 6. To those in the Father's house, He will **continue** “to cleanse us from **all** unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).
- B. The heart of God “desires **all** men to be saved” from their sins (1 Timothy 2:4).
- C. Is there enough **FORGIVENESS**? . . . Is there enough for me? . . . Is there enough for everyone else who needs it? In my Father's house . . . That is in Christ . . . in His Church, and only in my Father's house, there is **FORGIVENESS** enough for me, **FORGIVENESS** enough for all, and to spare! Would you not come to Him and partake of that **FORGIVENESS**?

(5) **THERE IS REDEMPTION ENOUGH AND TO SPARE IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE**

(23 times “redemption” is mentioned in the Bible . . . “Redeem” 62 times . . . “Redeemed” 60 times . . . A total of 143 times)

- A. While in its New Testament usage the doctrine of redemption often parallels the doctrine of forgiveness, it does stand out with a beauty of its own.
1. In the New Testament, a variety of Greek words are used for which we typically have only the one English word.
 2. The greatest emphasis on redemption in the New Testament is to convey **deliverance** through Christ.
 - a. “In Him we have **redemption** through His blood” (Ephesians 1:7),
 - b. “being justified freely by His grace through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus” (Romans 3:24).
 - c. “You were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter. 1:18-19).
 - d. “Our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might **redeem** us from every lawless deed” (Titus 2:13-14).

- e. Through the sacrifice of Christ, we have been **delivered!**
- B. The New Testament not only emphasizes the deliverance part of redemption but also the **purchase** part of redemption.
 - 1. Our Savior, now exalted in heaven, is being praised, “For You were slain, and have **redeemed** to God by Your blood” (**Revelation 5:9**).
 - a. The American Standard Version probably more accurately represents the weight of this word—“and didst **purchase** unto God with thy blood men.”
 - b. The very same word is found in **1 Corinthians 6:20**, where the word **redeemed** is not found, but its meaning is—“For you were **bought** at a price.” *Delivered! . . . Bought! . . . Redeemed! . . . Beautiful!*
 - 2. The assurance we have is that Christ “gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from **every** lawless deed” (**Titus 2:14**).
 - 3. By the shedding of His blood, He “did purchase unto God . . . **(men) of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation**” (**Revelation 5:9**, ASV).
- C. Is there enough **REDEMPTION**? . . . Is there enough for me? . . . Is there enough for everyone else who needs it? In my Father’s house . . . That is in Christ . . . in His Church, and only in my Father’s house, there is **REDEMPTION** enough for me, **REDEMPTION** enough for all, and to spare! Would you not come to Him and partake of that **REDEMPTION**?

(6) THERE IS LOVE ENOUGH AND TO SPARE IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE

(361 times “love” is mentioned in the Bible)

- A. Is there any greater, any more-loved topic to meditate upon than the love of God?
 - 1. It is beyond our comprehension that “He loved us, **even when** we were dead in trespasses” (**Ephesians 2:4-5**). Oh what love!
 - 2. In **Ephesians 3:19**, the apostle Paul declares that “the love of Christ . . . passes knowledge.
 - a. “Passes” there is present tense, continuous.
 - b. Its wonder, its beauty, and its fullness are beyond any human mind to fully comprehend it seems.
 - 3. John 3:16 tells us that God loved the whole world. While that is true, the question becomes, “Is there enough love for me?” Is there enough for everyone else who needs it?
 - a. In **Ephesians 2:4** Paul spoke of God's “great love with which He loved us.”
 - b. Jesus Himself said, “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for His friends” (**John 15:13**). Jesus said it does not and cannot get any greater than this . . . It is immeasurable!

- c. **Ephesians 3:17-19** - "That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the **width** and **length** and **depth** and **height** — to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. "

C. Is there enough **LOVE**? . . . Is there enough for me? . . . Is there enough for everyone else who needs it? In my Father's house . . . That is in Christ . . . in His Church, and only in my Father's house, there is **LOVE** enough for me, **LOVE** enough for all, and to spare! . . . Would you not come to Him and partake of that **LOVE**?

(7) THERE IS RECONCILIATION ENOUGH AND TO SPARE IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE (4 times "reconciliation" is mentioned in the Bible . . .

"Reconcile" 4 times . . . Reconciled 7 times . . . A total of **15** times)

- A. The worst condition in which one can live . . . Not merely one of the worst, but the very worst . . . is to live far off from God.
1. When one is not **in** the Father's house, he is "afar off," "alienated" and separated from God because of his sins, no matter how far or how close he might think he is.
 2. How soothing, then, the thought that "in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ . . . that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross" (**Ephesians 2:13-16**).
 3. Through Christ's death on the cross, all of mankind (no matter how hostile or divided) can be reconciled to each other.
 - a. But even more importantly, all of mankind (no matter how alienated from God) can be brought near and reconciled to the Father.
 - b. Paul said in **Romans 5:10** - "For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."
- B. The magnitude of God's reconciliation is so great that it took a people (the Gentiles), "Who were without Christ " . . . having no hope and without God" (**Ephesians 2:12**) and opened the way that the **whole world** (**2 Corinthians 5:19**) and "**all things**" (**Colossians 1:20**) might be reconciled unto Him, if they would turn from their wicked works.
- C. Unlike the older brother in Luke 15, we are to actively seek others to be reconciled to God. **2 Corinthians 5:18** – "Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation"
- D. In my Father's house . . . That is in Christ . . . in His Church, and only in my Father's house is there enough **RECONCILIATION**? . . . Is there enough for

me? . . . Is there enough for everyone else who needs it? In my Father's house, there is **RECONCILIATION** enough for me, **RECONCILIATION** enough for all, and to spare! . . . Would you not come to Him and partake of that **RECONCILIATION**?

(8) THERE IS FELLOWSHIP ENOUGH AND TO SPARE IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE (16 times “fellowship” is mentioned in the Bible)

A. Fellowship in the Father's House has two dimensions:

1. There is the fellowship with fellow brethren.
2. There is the fellowship with our Father and our Savior. Both of these are emphasized in the Book of Ephesians.

B. Reconciliation naturally leads to fellowship on the human level.

1. In Christ, we were made “one,” when He created “in Himself one new man . . . in one body,” that we might be “fellow citizens with the saints” (**Ephesians 2:14, 19**).
2. We have fellowship with each other for “we are members of one another” (**Ephesians 4:25**).
3. Even greater, “truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ” (**1 John 1:3**).
4. In the book of Ephesians, Paul depicts this blessing with these words - “For through him we both have our access in one Spirit unto the Father” (**Ephesians 2:18**, ASV).
5. As a beloved hymn says . . . “What a fellowship! What a joy divine! Leaning on the everlasting arms!” We not only have access to the Father, we have our access to the Father - a special blessing just for His children! “He has made [us] alive together with Him” (**Colossians 2:13**)!

C. In the Parable of the Great Supper in Luke 14, the Master (representing God, the Father) invited guests to a great feast He had prepared - a feast prepared not only for the Jews, but also for the Gentiles.

1. The message of the servants to the Master still rings true today “still there is room” (**Luke 14:22**).
2. “Whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him” (**Acts 10:35**).

D. Is there enough **FELLOWSHIP**? . . . Is there enough for me? . . . Is there enough for everyone else who needs it? In my Father's house . . . That is in Christ . . . in His Church, and only in my Father's house, there is **FELLOWSHIP** enough for me, **FELLOWSHIP** enough for all, and to spare! Would you not come to Him and partake of that **FELLOWSHIP**?

(9) THERE IS PEACE ENOUGH AND TO SPARE IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE (397 times “peace” is mentioned in the Bible)

- A. There is a peace “which surpasses all understanding” (Philippians 4:7), and this peace is found and enjoyed only in the Father’s house!
1. It is “the peace of God” (Philippians 4:7).
 2. is extended by “the God of peace” (Philippians 4:9).
 3. In the book of Ephesians, Paul proclaims that Christ “Himself is our peace,” having come “and preached peace” (“the gospel of peace,” Ephesians 6:15), that He might “[make] peace through the blood of His cross” (Ephesians 2:15) **Colossians 1:20** – “And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on the earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.”
 4. How sweet the thought that, in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation filled with hostilities and anxieties, “we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (**Romans 5:1**)!
- B. This peace which surpasses all understanding is nothing like the peace which the world seeks and offers (cf. John 14:27). By contrast, the peace God offers is a peace that can rule in every heart (Colossians 3:15), for “the Lord of peace himself” is able to “give you peace at all times in all ways” (**2 Thessalonians 3:16**)!
- C. Is there enough **PEACE**? . . . Is there enough for me? . . . Is there enough for everyone else who needs it? n my Father’s house . . . That is in Christ . . . in His Church, and only in my Father’s house, there is **PEACE** enough for me, **PEACE** enough for all, and to spare! . . . Would you not come to Him and partake of that **PEACE**?

(10) THERE IS INHERITANCE ENOUGH AND TO SPARE IN THE FATHER’S HOUSE (246 times “inheritance” is mentioned in the Bible)

- A. “Inheritance” is a word that often brings to mind receiving great wealth and property, but it entails so much more than that! To appreciate more fully our Father’s inheritance, consider the according to” statements in the first three chapters of Ephesians, which explain the basis and authority upon which this inheritance is made available -
1. “According to the good pleasure of His will” (**Ephesians 1:5**);
 2. “According to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself” (**Ephesians 1:9**);
 3. “According to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will” (**Ephesians 1:11**);
 4. “According to the working of His mighty power” (**Ephesians 1:19**);
 5. “According to the riches of His glory” (**Ephesians 3:16**);
 6. “According to the power that works in us” (**Ephesians 3:20**). This is not something administered or executed by man; it is extended as God’s good pleasure purposes.

B. We have the wonderful privilege of having been adopted as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself' (**Ephesians 1:5**), and based on that exceptionally unique relationship, "In Him also we have obtained an inheritance" (**Ephesians 1:11**).

1. May we give "thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance" (**Colossians 1:12**)!
2. The invitation and promise is made to "whosoever will" (**Revelation 22:17**, KJV).
 - a. For in the Father's house, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (**Galatians 3:28**).
 - b. We are all equally "**fellow**-heirs, and **fellow**-members of the body, and **fellow**-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (**Ephesians 3:6**, ASV).

C. Is there enough **INHERITANCE**? . . . Is there enough for me? . . . Is there enough for everyone else who needs it? In my Father's house . . . That is in Christ . . . in His Church, and only in my Father's house, there is **INHERITANCE** enough for me, **INHERITANCE** enough for all, and to spare! Would you not come to Him and partake of that **INHERITANCE**?

CONCLUSION:

- A. Those who are "in Christ" are those who are in "His body" (the church . . . the family . . . the house of God).
 1. Those who are "in Christ" experience "the fullness" of Christ, "who fills all in all" (**Ephesians 1:23**).
 2. Every spiritual blessing that God has made available can only be possessed and enjoyed in His house!
 3. Only in the Father's house will one find the Father's bread, grace, mercy, forgiveness, redemption, love, reconciliation, fellowship, peace and inheritance!
- B. When one has never been "baptized into Christ" (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27), he then is outside of the Father's house . . . outside of Christ) he will never experience the Father's **bread, grace, mercy, forgiveness, redemption, love, reconciliation, fellowship, peace** and **inheritance!**
- C. The prodigal learned this lesson, although he learned it the hard way! Away from his father's house, the prodigal sunk to the lowest depths of despair, having separated himself from all (not just some) but all of the blessings of home.
 1. "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!'" (**Luke 15:17**).

2. Humbled, the younger son returned home. When he arrived at home, notice what he experienced. “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 . . . The father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best . . . for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found . . . [the father] received him safe and Sound” (Luke 15:20-27).
3. When the wayward son returned home, his education came full-circle. He had learned some things in the far country (learned them by experience in “The School of Hard Knocks”, and then those lessons were verified when he returned to his father. Immediately upon his return, he experienced the wonderful things that he had abandoned and left behind - his father’s blessings.

- **Bread** enough . . .
- **Grace** enough . . .
- **Mercy** enough . . .
- **Forgiveness** enough . . .
- **Redemption** enough . . .
- **Love** enough . . .
- **Reconciliation** enough . . .
- **Fellowship** enough . . .
- **Peace** enough . . .
- **Inheritance** enough . . .

4. All of the blessings were still there! . . . And, they were still there . . . even for him!

D. Brother in Christ, sister in Christ, where are you today? . . . Are you faithfully dwelling in the Father’s house, partaking in and enjoying the bountiful blessings available only therein? . . . Do you realize how wonderfully sweet and abundant they are? . . . Or, have you permitted familiarity to breed apathy? . . . Have you strayed away? . . . Have you wandered from Christ? Have you wandered from His church, the Father’s house, and from the abundance He so richly provides? . . . Like the younger son in Luke 15, have you come to realize that there are zero blessings of the Father away from the Father? . . .

1. Please come home! . . . Your family is waiting and watching! . . . Even better; your Father is waiting and watching! He “is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us” (Ephesians 3:20)!
2. Come, there is bread in the house of your Father . . . And, to spare!

E. **God Plan for Man's Salvation**