

3rd – Bible Seeds Podcast

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Intro Music - **“My (Your) Father Is So Good To Me”**

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days, or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given His Son Jesus, (the good shepherd), to bring you back to Him.

Today’s topic is

The Lost Son and The Lost Sheep.

More of “The Simplicity Of Salvation”

The Lost Son

Jesus told the story of a man who had two sons. The younger son ask his father to give him his share of the property he would

inherit and the father divided the portion of property between his two sons. The younger son sold his portion and went to another country where he wasted his money on wild parties and careless living.

Soon all the money was gone and he was left with nothing. There was a famine in the land where he was living and so he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country who sent him into the fields to feed the pigs. He was getting hungry but no one gave him anything, and he was thinking about eating the corn husks and the bean pods the pigs were eating.

Then he came to his senses and said, "All my father's hired servants have more than they can eat and here I am about to starve. I will go to my father and say, 'Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son. Make me one of your hired servants.' And he started his journey back to his father's house.

He was still a distance from home when his father saw him. Filled with pity, he ran and threw his arms around his son and began to kiss him. The son said "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son."

The father told his servants to bring the best robe and put it on him. And a ring for his finger and shoes for his feet. Then he told his servants to prepare a feast with the prize calf saying, "For this son of mine was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he has been found. So the celebration began.

Now, the older son was coming in from the fields and heard the music and dancing. He asked one of the servants what was going on. The servant replied, "Your brother has come back home and your father has killed the prize calf because he got him back safe and sound. The older brother was angry and would not go in. So the father came out and begged him to come in.

But he said to his father, "All these years I worked for you like a slave and I've never disobeyed your orders. You have not even given me a goat so that I could have a feast with my friends. But my younger brother waste his inheritance and comes back home and you kill the prize calf for him?"

"My son", the father said, "You are always here with me and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be happy because your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he has been found." (This reading is from the New Testament - *The book of Luke, Chapter 15: Verses 11-32*)

You are the son or the daughter who has wasted their money and their life on wild parties and careless living. You lost everything and find yourself broken and out of money, out of friends and ready to give up this wasteful life. You can ask Jesus for help who will go to the Father on your behalf and the Father will forgive your sins saying,

"For this child of mine was dead but now they are alive. They were lost but now they have been found."

And He will send the Holy Spirit to help you change your life for the better. (2nd verse of 'My Father Is So Good To Me')

The Lost Sheep

Many tax collectors and other people who were considered the 'outcasts' of society came to listen to Jesus speak. The Pharisees and the teachers of the law who were there grumbled, ***"This man welcomes outcasts and even eats with them."***

Jesus seeing their attitude asked them, ***"Which one of you having a hundred sheep if he loses one of them would not leave the ninety-nine sheep in the pasture and go look for the one who is lost. Finding him, he returns and tells his family and his friends how happy he is to have found the one who was lost."***

"In the same way, I tell you; There will be more joy in heaven over one who gives up their life of sin and seeks God's ways than the ninety-nine who have been living faithfully in God."

(This reading is from the New Testament - ***The book of Luke, Chapter 15: Verses 1-7*** It's also found in the book of ***Matthew, Chapter 18: Verses 12-14***)

This is your host Carl Vasta and I thank you for tuning in to Bible Seeds at Understanding God's Word.

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God bless you and your loved ones and remember..... (Song)