

Love As God Loves

Luke 15:11-24



God and Love

1. God is love (1 Jn 4:8)
2. He first loves us (1 Jn 4:19)
While we were yet sinners (Rom 5:8)
3. He so loved us that He gave ... (Jn 3:16)

God's love is called agape love

The Prodigal Son

A Very Bad Son:

1. “Give me my share of the estate” V12
2. Set off for a distant country V13
3. Squandered his wealth V13
4. Wild living V13
5. Being with pigs V15
6. “I will set out and go back” V18

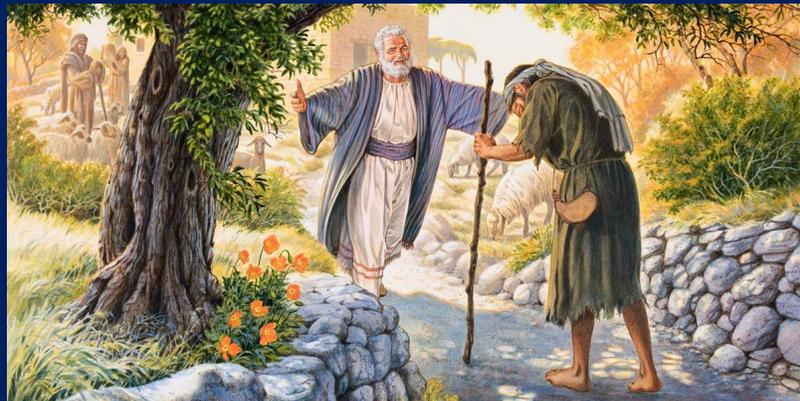
The Father of the Prodigal Son

A Very Good Father:

- While he was still a long way off, his father saw him V20
- He ran to his son V20
- Threw his arms around him and kissed him V20.
- ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet’ V22
- ‘Bring the fattened calf and kill it’ V23.

The Agape Love

Jesus told this story to bring across clearly and powerfully the kind of love that the Heavenly Father has for us.



God's Love & Man's Love

God's love:

Internal 1-directional Intentional

"In-spite-of" love Unconditional

Man's love:

External Exchange Expectational

"If" kind of love Conditional

The God's Kind of Love

INTERNAL

**1-DIRECTION
AL**

**INTENTION
AL**

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In all relationships

To people in general

To spouse

To family

To Church members

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Personal Testimony

In human conditional love

There will be countless situations that can result in frustrations and anger



Conclusion

Let us love as God loves!

Internal 1-Directional Intentional

“In-spite of” love

Unconditional love

Agape love