

PARABLES – “*The Elder Brother*” – Luke 15:25-32

INTRODUCTION:

- The wayward son comes home – **15:20-24**
- There’s an older son still at home – **15:11**

15:25 – The older son was at home ... **WORKING!**

15:26-27 – The home-coming of the younger son was a time for **REJOICING!**

15:28 – Our Heavenly Father will never abandon us.

15:29 – He spells out his grievances:

- 1 “*serving you*” – More out of **DUTY**, than out of **LOVE**.
 - Are you missing God’s **BLESSINGS**? Where’s the **JOY**?
Where’s the **RELATIONSHIP**?
 - 1 “*never transgressed*” – Who do you **COMPARE** yourself to?
 - “*at any time*” – Don’t try to **BLACKMAIL** God!
 - 2 “*yet you never gave me ...*” – Do you ever feel like you **DESERVE** more than what God has given you?
 - Anything other than Hell, is by God’s grace & mercy.
 - He didn’t get more, because he didn’t ask for more.
 - Much of what we want is because of our **GREED**.
 - We need to **ENJOY** our salvation more.
 - Almighty God cares for & loves you.
 - The Holy Spirit lives within you to guide, give peace, hope.
 - You have a personal relationship with the “*King of Kings*”.
 - We don’t have, because we don’t **ASK** – **James 4:2**
 - We need to develop a **RELATIONSHIP** with our Father.
- 15:30** – He didn’t love, as his father loved.
 - “*son of yours*” – A relationship with your Heavenly Father depends on having a relationship with your brothers & sisters in Christ.
 - The older brother is **PESSIMISTIC** ... a tool of Satan.
- 15:31-32** – The father questions the relationship, not service.
 - Take advantage of your **SON-SHIP!** **Romans 8:17**

CONCLUSION:

- Your Heavenly Father loves you ... has provided for you.
- Enjoy a love relationship with Him!