

Hope For The Prodigal

“--- Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. --- Mal 3:7

These words of our Lord were directed unto the sons of Jacob, the Israelites, whom he had so highly favored, blessed, and cared for, but who now became rebellious, indifferent, and disobedient. But we see in these words the tender heart of a loving Heavenly Father entreating his own wayward children to return unto him. Today our Lord continues to reach out to prodigal sons and daughters with the hope that they would incline their ear to his loving invitation and return to his family of believers.

Perhaps today the searching eyes of some poor child of Christian parents who has been deceived by the enemy of the soul and drifted far from home will view these words of promise. Perhaps a ray of hope may beam into a sin darkened and now burdened conscience. Dear friend, if indeed you have beheld these words of our Lord with a glimmer of hope, his promise is for you. Now, dear friend, read the words of another of his promises, “Come now let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” Isaiah 1:18 Today, with these words, the Lord is extending to you his marvelous grace.

But perhaps even now the enemy of the soul is attempting to convince you that you are too great a sinner to come to the Saviour. He may tell you that the Lord’s invitation is only for those who have not journeyed so far from the Father’s house and have not fallen so deeply into the ugly sins of this world. Remember dear friend, the devil is the same liar today as he has been from the beginning of time. The leopard cannot change his spots. There is no sin so great that the Lord will not forgive it. Jesus teaches, “--- and him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.” John 6:37

Jesus willingly laid down his life on the cross of Calvary and shed his blood as an atonement for your

sins and the sins of the whole world. Will you today flee from this world of sin unto our merciful Saviour as a beggar of grace, seeking his forgiveness for your sins. Yet today he is found in the midst of his children. Here the penitent soul can hear the wonderful gospel message from the mouths of his servants that all his sins are forgiven in the holy name of Jesus and washed away in his precious blood of reconciliation. How sweet then the name of Jesus is in a believers ear.

May God give us all grace and strength to continue to believe that he is the rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Ken Storm - pastor

May 4	Ken Storm	11:00	Holy Communion
May 11	Dave Lappi	11:00	
May 18	Paul Copponen	11:00	Last Day of Sunday School
May 25	Earl Kaurala/ Nathan Ruonavaara	11:00	

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