

Theme: THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARABLES

Memory Verse: *Ezekiel 18:21-22 “But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 22All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live”.*

Texts: Luke 15:11-32

The parable itself represents two sorts of persons- the professors of religion and the doers of the word. The son who said he would obey and then did not, represented the nation of Israel in Jesus day and by extension, religious professors in contemporary times. They professed much willingness to do God’s will, but they constantly disobeyed Him. It is dangerous to pretend to obey God. Our actions must match our words.

The parable of the two sons is therefore an unmistakable call to repentance. One of the sons did better than he said. His answer was bad, but his actions were good. Rudeness is bad, but downright disobedience is worse. “Afterward he repented, and went”. By going back to do his father’s bidding, the first son exhibited the “fruit meet for repentance.” We show that we have repented when we drop our past disobedience and comply with set instructions. The other son said it better than he did; his answer was good but his action bad.

He professes a ready obedience, but he failed in the performance. “He went not.” Like the second son, there are many that give good words, and make fair promises but go no further. Saying and doing are two things; and many there are that say, and do not. Many there are who show much love with their lips, but their hearts goes after their idols. To the chief priests answer to the question: “whether of the twain did the will of his father?” we can add: they both had their faults; one was rude, and the other was false. But the question is which was the better of the two, and the less faulty? The first because his actions were better than his words, and his latter end better than his beginning

DAILY BIBLE READING		
	MORNING	EVENING.
MON.	Deut. 24	Heb. 3
TUS.	Deut. 25	Heb. 4
WED.	Deut. 26	Heb. 5
THUR.	Deut. 27	Heb. 6
FRI.	Deut. 28	Heb. 7
SAT.	Deut.. 29	Heb 8
SUN.	Deut. 30	Heb. 9