

LESSION 29**16:07:17****Theme: SUNDRY LESSONS FROM THE PARABLE**

Memory Verse: *John 6:70-71* “Jesus answered them, *Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? [71] He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve*”.

Texts: Genesis 6:5-8; Isaiah 58:1-14; James 1:22-25

The parable of the two sons presents the heavenly pilgrim and the Christian worker with some unforgettable lessons. To start with, the two sons belong to the same father but differ in their relationship with him. This teaches us that though all men may have been created by the same heavenly Father, yet a vast difference exists in their character and attitude toward Him. Second, the command to “go work today in my vineyard” shows that God does not exempt His children from work, though they be heirs of salvation and joint-heir with the Christ.

Though saved by grace through faith, we are commanded to “work out our salvation with fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12). Our final reward will be based on giving “every man according as his work shall be” (Revelation 22:12). Thirdly, though the first son said initially that he wasn’t going to work in his father’s vineyard, he later repented and went. His action teaches us that we need not be slaves of our past. If we started off wrongly, it is never too late to change our minds. Fourth, his obedience shows that the way to make amends for our past disobedience is not to remain in our disobedience while pretending to have a rethink or to promise ourselves to do better in the future but to rise to the occasion and do what is demanded of us.

Fifth, second son’s attitude teaches us that saying and doing are not the same thing. Sixth, the parable teaches us that there is a hypocritical tone about good manners when they are not accompanied by good actions. Unlike the first son who was rude and vehement about his disobedience, the second son who was courteous to his father, He said, “I go, sir”. But while the first son repented and went, he went not. Seven, the parable teaches us that the Lord judges us by our conduct not by what we say, or by the love or loyalty or obedience we profess. Who are you among the two sons?

DAILY BIBLE READING		
	MORNING	EVENING.
MON.	Deut. 31	Heb. 10
TUS.	Deut. 32	Heb. 11
WED.	Deut. 33	Heb. 12
THUR.	Deut. 34	Heb. 13
FRI.	Jos.. 1	Jas. 1
SAT.	Jos. 2	Jas 2
SUN.	Jos. 3	Jas 3