

Prodigal's Ring

Sermon Notes

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Luka/Lk.15: 20-22 Biblical repentance- Teshuva or Mataneo. Making a u-turn; going one way and changing your heart and mind to proceed in another way.

Robe of righteousness, sandals symbolize the call to go and preach the Besorah after being received into friendship by Abba!

Ring-the sign of covenant renewal with Yisrael.

Reconciliation is the result of repentance and contriteness. Reconciliation is a one-time event upon salvation, not an ongoing thing. (Corintyah Bet/2 Cor. 5: 18-19)-We're called to make other friends for YHWH, even as we are now His friends.

All children of YHWH are not necessarily friends of YHWH. That takes special effort to press in and get to know YHWH. If you are a friend of YHWH, you know that you've repented biblically and you keep short accounts of your ever-besetting sin before Him.

The prodigal left merely as a biological son. He returned as a son and a friend of His Abba as a result of his experience. We as ambassadors are to go out and make other friends for YHWH. Friendly children of YHWH have received a ring of reconciliation. What was on your ring? 8 diamonds. All YHWH's friends wear a ring of reconciliation composed of 8 basic diamonds.

These are found in Romiyah/ Rom.5: 1- "8" is the number of newness of life.

- (1) Diamond 1-Shalom/Peace (vs.1)- A state of tranquility, absence from war, fear, anxiety and disturbances.
- (2) Diamond 2-Access (vs.2)- Ongoing entrance into YHWH's presence, entering and standing in YHWH's presence. (Tehillim/Ps.16: 11).
- (3) Diamond 3-Chesed/Grace (vs.2)- unmerited favor that follows you all the days of your life.

- (4.) Diamond 4 Simcha/Joy (vs.3)- In trials; the ability to hold unto your joy in trials from YHWH, are a token of our friendship with Him.
- (5.) Diamond 5-Patience (vs.4)- YHWH teaches us and imparts patience to us. Calm endurance without complaining can only be received through trials.
- (6.) Diamond 6-Experience (vs. 4)- Produces proven character, tested by an experienced journey ordained in YHWH.
- (7.) Diamond 7-Tikvah-Hope- (vs.4 & 5)- Biblical hope. YHWH will be true to His promises. We must hope that we can act on the promises. The burden is on us not YHWH. Biblical hope is a hope that we will not fail YHWH, not that YHWH is real and true. Hope doesn't make me ashamed; it makes me bold and confident.
- (8.) Diamond 8 Ahava/Love (vs.5)- received only by the Ruach of Reconciliation. Flaunting your intimacy with YHWH is the result of having received His love. Love is ardent, compassionate unconditional devotion toward a responsive living being. This "new love" symbolized by the number 8, and by the eighth diamond, is YHWH Himself; YHWH is Love. He is both the Giver and Goal of the covenant ring, as He told Avraham, "I AM your shield and your GREAT REWARD!"

Close: Let your ring serve as your constant reminder of YHWH's love.