**Psalters**: 170:1,2 - 384:1,5 - 387:1,3, 4 - 138:1,2,3 - 427:1,4,8 . **Scripture:** Luke 15:1-32

**THE LOST SON**

**Introduction**

* Note the subtle difference between the first two parables and the third parable.
1. **His blessed home**
* He was in the presence of a loving father.
* Adam ‘the son of God’ (Lk 3:38) also had a blessed home.
1. **His rebellious act**
* The son wants to break with home and his future.
* Note what the father gives him, and why.
* Note the repulsive act of the son.
* Do you recognize that rebellious act in yourself?
1. **His prodigal life**
* He travels to a *far* country.
* He voluntarily distances himself from Jewish religion.
* He lives out his lusts to the full.
* In the eyes of the Jews he has zero rights anymore.
* Have you learned to see that you have lost all rights too?
1. **HIs deep misery**
* He has spent all.
* Sin is a hard task master.
* Famine makes his misery worse; degrades himself by herding pigs.
* Resists the humbling hand of God.
* Misery got worse: starvation staring him in the eyes.
1. **His inward change**
* For the first time in his life he looks *inside*.
* What breaks the heart of a sinner?
* Note what becomes his greatest desire.
* Grace always humbles.

1. **His father’s dealings**
* The father had compassion.
* The father humiliated himself.
* The father accepts him as a *son*.
* The father wants others to share in his great gladness.
* The father shows grace for the most impossible cases.