

THE GOD WHO LONGS FOR US

Isaiah 30.15-26, Luke 15.11-31

In Isaiah 30, Judah is threatened to be overrun by the nation of Assyria, and they turn to Egypt for protection. Isaiah calls out the leadership and people of Judah yet again for their rebelliousness against God and for failing to wait and trust in the Lord. Isaiah adds that God is just waiting to bless his people:

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you... Isaiah 30.18

God wants to bless them with:

- spiritual vision to see and understand how God wants them to live v20
- guidance for decision-making v21
- freedom from those things that can draw us away from God v22
- material satisfaction in life v23-24
- spiritual blessings v25

In the story of the prodigal son, (Luke 15.11-31) Jesus also taught that God is longing to bless his children today.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.” Luke 15.20

In this story, Jesus reveals the keys to unlocking those blessings.

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate.’”

Luke 15.22-23

REALIZING our WAYWARDNESS

“When he came to his senses...”

Luke 15.17

REPENTANCE

‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’

Luke 15.18-19

RETURNING TO GOD

“So he got up and went to his father.”

Luke 15.20

REMAINING with THE FATHER

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.’”

Luke 15.31



What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?