

28 Parables of Jesus  
 Prodigal Get's Out of "Babylonian" Pig Pen!  
 Bible Sermon Study Notes: Pastor Cary Rodgers, Jr

The lessons of the lost sheep and coin were powerful lessons, but Jesus brought the point crystal clear to the Pharisee, disciples, sinners, and publicans with the third parable of the prodigal son. An inspirational story of a young man who was lost and later found.

"The parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son, bring out in distinct lines God's pitying love for those who are straying from Him. Although they have turned away from God, He does not leave them in their misery. He is full of kindness and tender pity toward all who are exposed to the temptations of the artful foe.

In the parable of the prodigal son is presented the Lord's dealing with those who have once known the Father's love, but who have allowed the tempter to lead them captive at his will." COL 198

Let's go to the parable in Luke 15 starting with verse 11 and learn some very powerful lesson and more about the aggressive love of Jesus Christ.

**What did the youngest son ask his father for?**

Luke 15:11-12

11 And he said, **A certain man had two sons:**

12 **And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.**

It is apparent that the father has a will (last will and testament) for his family which is a legal contract that divides up the father's land, livestock, house, money, and any other assets that the father may own among his family. Usually a will only become active at the point of death. The youngest son, wanted his portion of his father goods, before his death.

**What "WILL" does Jesus have for us?**

The Old Testament and the New Testament is Jesus' "WILL" that promises everlasting life. Jesus already activated the "will" through His death on the cross. We are heirs to the promise, if we exchange our sins and our wills to Jesus by faith and live the life of Jesus Christ.

**What legal Biblical contract reveals that we are in bondage to sin and death?**

1Jn 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Rom 7:7 What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

The ten commandments is a legal document that reveals we are in bondage in sin. But what does it reveal in the second commandment in Exodus 20: 6?

**Exo 20:6** And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

**Does God's law have "converting" power?**

**Psa 19:7** The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.

When are converted through Christ chains of sin are released!

### **The law of God frees us from bondage it is NOT bondage! What does James call it?**

**Jas 1:25** But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

### **Why did the youngest son wanted the portion of his father's will NOW?**

It is apparent the young man listen to the lies of Satan that the law of his father was bondage.

“This younger son had become weary of the restraint of his father's house. He thought that his liberty was restricted. His father's love and care for him were misinterpreted, and he determined to follow the dictates of his own inclination.” COL 198

### **After the youngest son received his portion from his father, what did he do next?**

**Luk 15:13** And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there **wasted his substance with riotous living.**

1. Gathered his money and stuff from his inheritance
2. Left far distance his father's house
3. Wasted his money and lost everything because of riotous living

Riotous living (Greek)= **Thayer Definition:** 1) dissolutely, profligately.

#### **Dictionary.com**

Dissolute - indifferent to moral restraints; given to immoral or improper conduct; licentious; dissipated.

Profligate - recklessly prodigal or extravagant

Prodigal - wastefully or recklessly extravagant

This is the reason why this young man in Jesus 'story is known as the prodigal son because he “wasted” his inherited substance on wickedness – things that opposed God. He lived an extravagant lifestyle that pleased his flesh! It today's modern lifestyles – most expensive cars, planes, houses, yachts, etc.... High life of a billionaire!

### **Are you a prodigal?**

How many of God's professed people are wasting their “inheritance” on wickedness? Are you are prodigal, not just a prodigal who have left church of God to engage in worldly things. Listen, are you a prodigal who profess to know the truth or profess the truth but waste your time, talent, and money on riotous living? Professed christian prodigals waste time on the things of the world....mixing world and church... eating at the Lord's table and the table of devils.

#### **Romans 1:21-22**

**21** Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

**22** Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

### **Why? They waste their inheritance!!!!**

### **Why Sodom was destroyed?**

#### **Ezekiel 16:49-50**

**49** Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and **abundance of idleness**

was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

50 And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw *good*.

**Are “church” prodigals (like the prodigal son) behavior worst than those in the world who know not the truth neither had the privilege of living within the truth?**

Let's look at Israel example (a prodigal nation)

**Ezekiel 16:46-47**

46 And thine elder sister *is* Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, *is* Sodom and her daughters.

47 Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations: but, as *if that were* a very little *thing*, thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways.

Eze 16:51 Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done.

**Ezekiel 5:5-7**

5 Thus saith the Lord GOD; This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her.

6 And she hath changed my judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and my statutes more than the countries that are round about her: for they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they have not walked in them.

7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye multiplied more than the nations that are round about you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that are round about you;

**2Ki 21:9** But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel.

Prodigal who leave the truth but who are still professor's of the “truth” become worst then the world! They are the “life” of the party!

BTW: All prodigal church members don't have to leave the physical church they have left the spiritual one church of Christ.

**After the young prodigal spent all he had what happen next and where did go?**

**Luke 15:14-16**

14 And when he had spent all, there arose **a mighty famine** in that land; and he began to be in want.

15 And he went and **joined himself to a citizen of that country**; and he sent him into **his fields to feed swine**.

16 And he would **fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat**: and no man gave unto him.

On a physical level the prodigal experienced a mighty famine. There was no food! He went to work in a pig pin for his survival. Out of desperation he proceeded to eat the pig's food! All the other pigs seemed to be enjoying it!

The pig's food in the parable was husks. When we think of the word “husks” we automatically assume that the pigs in this parable that Jesus is giving is the “husks” or outer shell of something like corn – worthless and dried up. But we have to look at the Greek word for husks, and look at what many farmers feed pigs at the time of Christ. This may shock you!

Husk (Greek) = keration : something *horned*, that is, (specifically) the *pod* of the carob tree. (Strong's Greek

Dictionary)

**Thayer Definition:**

1. a little horn
2. the name of the fruit, *Ceratonia silqua* or carobtree (called also John's Bread [from the notion that its pods, which resemble those of the "locust", constituted the food of the Baptist]. This fruit was shaped like a horn and has a sweet taste; it was and is used not only for fattening swine, but as an article of food by the lower classes.

In other words, husks in the content of Jesus parable is a little horn shape carob fruit!

On a spiritual level because the prodigal surrounded himself with worldliness he went into a "mighty spiritual" famine in which he was not getting any spiritual nourishment. As a result he was "dead" spiritually. He had no life. Out of desperation yearning for spiritual food he goes to the "pig" pin of Babylon, confusion by mixing church and the world. He notices the "little horn" shaped carob. It looked good and sweet.

The prodigal was about to feast and fill his belly with the fruit of the "little horn" that the swine of Babylon did eat. He probably thought to himself, "That little horn must be good because all the other pigs was enjoying it!"

**What does the "husks" of pig pin of Babylon represent?**

Remember "husks" in the original Greek means "little horn". Who is the represent the "little horn" in Daniel chapters 7 and 8? Papal Rome

In Revelation 13 the little horn also represents the beast! The image of the beast are all apostate and corrupt churches who have a form of godliness.

The "husks" are the false doctrines of the little horn, Papal Rome and all apostate churches! They teach a corrupt gospel, another gospel that in contrast with the everlasting gospel of Revelation 14 that teaches the three angels messages!

**What does Paul say about the false "other" corrupt gospel?**

**Galatians 1:3-9**

- 3 Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:
- 5 To whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.
- 6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:
- 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.
- 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
- 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

The beast and the image of the beast are preaching a corrupt gospel that points to a false Christ. This modern day gospel is based on humanism, spiritualism, and self-worship! A gospel that rejects the three angels message of Revelation of end time prophecies.

**What does the head of the Beast, say about end time prophecies and preachers that teach it?**

"ROME- Pope Francis on Sunday called for the faithful not to be driven by **end-times curiosities or apocalyptic preachers**, urging them to focus on what is truly important: "The Lord and our neighbor."

"Those who follow Jesus pay no heed to prophets of doom, the nonsense of horoscopes, or frightening sermons

that distract from the truly important things,” Francis said.”

“Throughout the weekend, the poor and marginalized had the VIP seats, [including at a concert from Oscar-winning composer Ennio Morricone.](#)”

“The pope’s **homily turned around the day’s Gospel**, in which Jesus speaks about the destruction of the temple of Jerusalem and the end of times. As the pontiff put it in his homily, Jesus says that “there will be no lack of conflicts, famine, convulsions on earth and in the heavens” when the time comes.”

“This is the origin of the tragic contradiction of our age: as progress and new possibilities increase, which is a good thing, less and less people are able to benefit from them,” Francis said. “This is a great injustice that should concern us much more than knowing when or how the world will end.”

The poor, Francis said closing his homily, belong to the church by evangelical right and duty, “for it is our responsibility to care for the true riches which are the poor. In the light of these reflections, I would like today to be the “day of the poor.”

### **Was Jesus an “apocalyptic preacher”?**

Apokalupsis= Revelation, to reveal.

Yes, Jesus was an apocalyptic preacher. He revealed the truth, because He is the truth. He unveiled future events and the plans of the enemy, Satan and his demons.

Matter of fact, Matthew chapters 24 and 25, Jesus prophesied about the destruction of the Jerusalem and the end of the world, the plans of the enemy (beware of false christs and false prophets), and he taught parables to prepare God's people for the last days.

At the beginning of Matthew 26 Jesus that he would be betrayed and crucified. In a few verses down Jesus is at Bethany at Simon the lepers house.

### **What happens to Jesus while He is sitting there?**

*Matthew 26:6-7*

6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat *at meat*.

Note: Jesus who has already exposed future events to his disciples accepts the “anointing” in preparation of his burial.

### **What was the disciples reaction?**

*Matthew 26:8-9*

8 But when his disciples saw *it*, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose *is* this waste?

9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

### **Who was the main advocate behind this uproar about helping the poor and what was his true motive?**

*John 12:4-6*

4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, which should betray him,

- 5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?  
 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

Judas did not truly care for the poor! He was preparing for the betrayal of Jesus. He and the disciples ignored Jesus prophecies. They were not concerned.

BTW: How can you truly help the poor? Give them the whole Bible truth. If someone needs a coat give them that too. Teach them the principles of God's Word which will move them from poverty to a heavenly kingdom. End time prophecies gives the poor and other real hope that is place in Jesus Christ.

### **Can Papal Rome with it's Jesuit Pope be compared to the attitude of Judas about the poor?**

Exposed! Papal Rome and it Jesuit Pope is not really concerned with the poor. History reveals and uncovers the truth. They speak like Judas!

### **Jesuits, Judas in disguise**

Throughout Christendom, Protestantism was menaced by formidable foes. The first triumphs of the Reformation past, Rome summoned new forces, hoping to accomplish its destruction. At this time the order of the Jesuits was created, the most cruel, unscrupulous, and powerful of all the champions of popery. Cut off from earthly ties and human interests, dead to the claims of natural affection, reason and conscience wholly silenced, they knew no rule, no tie, but that of their order, and no duty but to extend its power... There was no crime too great for them to commit, no deception too base for them to practice, no disguise too difficult for them to assume. Vowed to perpetual poverty and humility, it was their studied aim to secure wealth and power, to be devoted to the overthrow of Protestantism, and the re-establishment of the papal supremacy. {GC 234}

When appearing as members of their order, they wore a garb of sanctity, visiting prisons and hospitals, ministering to the sick and the poor, professing to have renounced the world, and bearing the sacred name of Jesus, who went about doing good. But under this blameless exterior the most criminal and deadly purposes were often concealed. It was a fundamental principle of the order that the end justifies the means. By this code, lying, theft, perjury, assassination, were not only pardonable but commendable, when they served the interests of the church. Under various disguises the Jesuits worked their way into offices of state, climbing up to be the counselors of kings, and shaping the policy of nations. They became servants to act as spies upon their masters. They established colleges for the sons of princes and nobles, and schools for the common people; and the children of Protestant parents were drawn into an observance of popish rites. All the outward pomp and display of the Romish worship was brought to bear to confuse the mind and dazzle and captivate the imagination, and thus the liberty for which the fathers had toiled and bled was betrayed by the sons. GC 235

The Jesuit's papacy care for the poor is a cover of it real purpose destroy Protestantism, BIBLE TRUTH, unify all religions and rise to world power!

### **Have the Jesuits killed the protestant movement? Is it over?**

#### **Pope Francis Arrives in Sweden to Commemorate Lutheran Reformation**

MALMÖ, Sweden—Pope Francis highlighted two major priorities of his papacy at the start of a two-day visit to Sweden: efforts to heal the 500-year-old rift between Catholics and Protestants and [concern for the plight of migrants](#).

Meanwhile, the primary reason for his two-day visit to Sweden is to commemorate the Lutheran Reformation that split Protestants from Catholics in the 16th century and to promote efforts at their reconciliation.

Earlier Monday afternoon, at an ecumenical worship service in the nearby city of Lund, Pope Francis praised the “spiritual experience” of Martin Luther, the German reformer whose teachings led to the split between Catholic and Protestants. The pope called for “moving beyond the controversies and disagreements” separating

Protestants and Catholics.

However, at the cathedral service, Pope Francis and Bishop Younan signed a statement indicating that intercommunion between the churches remained a goal for the future.

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/pope-arrives-in-sweden-to-commemorate-lutheran-reformation-1477914190>

### **Pope arrives in Sweden to mark 500 years since Protestant Reformation**

**MALMO, Sweden** -- Pope Francis traveled to secular Sweden on Monday to mark the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, a remarkably bold gesture given his very own Jesuit religious order was founded to defend the faith against Martin Luther's "heretical" reforms five centuries ago.

While the visit initially raised eyebrows, the Vatican and Lutheran church both insist the event is no celebration of Luther's revolt. Rather, they say, it's a solemn commemoration to ask forgiveness for the schism in Western Christianity and rejoice that relations have improved in the last five decades.

Years ago, Francis spoke harshly of the Protestant reformers. But in the run-up to the trip, he has had only words of praise for Luther. He recently called the German theologian a reformer of his time who rightly criticized a church that was "no model to imitate."

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/pope-francis-arrives-in-sweden-to-mark-martin-luther-protestant-reformation/>

### **Remember the what the Bible prophesied in Revelation 13:3 about the Beast, the papacy:**

**Rev 13:3** And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

Has the GC SDA Corp Church (new organization) who is supposed teaching the end time message of the three angels of Revelation 14 wondering after the Beast? Have they officially become an image to the beast?

### **Who was at the recent ecumenical meeting with the papacy?**

#### **The Pope to the Christian World Communions delegation: ecumenism of prayer, journeying and blood, 12.10.2016**

This morning, before the general audience and in the room adjacent to the Paul VI Hall (Vatican), the Pope received in audience the participants in the Conference of Secretaries of Christian World Communions, the international ecumenical association that meets annually in October, each year in a different country, to improve mutual awareness. It is made up of the Anglican Communion, the World Baptist Alliance, the Disciples Ecumenical Consultative Council, the Ecumenical Patriarchate (Eastern Orthodox), **General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists**, the International Old Catholic Bishops' Conference, the World Lutheran Foundation, the Mennonite World Conference, the Moravian Church Worldwide Unity Board, the Patriarchate of Moscow (Eastern Orthodox), the Pentecostals, the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (Catholic Church), the Reformed Ecumenical Council, the Salvation Army, the Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers), the World Convention of Churches of Christ, the World Evangelical Alliance and the World Methodist Council. A representative of the World Council of Churches is also usually present.

In his brief address, the Pope referred to two phrases used by the Head of the Delegation: "Jesus is with us", and "Jesus is journeying with us". "These phrases made me reflect, and they pose two questions: am I capable of believing that Jesus is with us? Am I capable of journeying with all, together, and also with Jesus? Often we think that ecumenical work is only that of theologians. It is therefore important that theologians study, they agree, and they express their disagreement: this is very important. But in the meantime ecumenism journeys

on. It journeys with Jesus, not ‘my Jesus against your Jesus’, but with our Jesus.

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2016/10/12/161012a.html>

### **How does the GC SDA Corp explain being a part of this ecumenical movement with the BEAST?**

Interfaith Engagement and Faithfulness to the Three Angels’ Messages

An interview with Ganoune Diop, Director, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Dr. Ganoune Diop, director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL-Public Affairs and Religious Liberty) for the Seventh-day Adventist world church, recently returned from two major international gatherings: a meeting of the Conference of Secretaries of Christian World Communions held in Rome, Italy; and, the African Council of Religious Leaders, Religions for Peace which took place in Abuja, Nigeria.

He sat down with PARL Communication director, Bettina Krause, to talk about why he accepts invitations to represent the Adventist Church at these and many other similar events.

In February this year, I was in Moscow, Russia, attending a meeting of the Global Christian Forum. ..While there, he’d met with regional Christian leaders and they were discussing a proposal to remove Seventh-day Adventists from the list of official Christian churches. You may ask, “Why would this matter?” Well, if the Adventist Church had no government recognition, its activities would suddenly become extremely restricted. It would lose its legal status. It wouldn’t even be able to own property — such as a church — for the purpose of worship.

Well, Hubert spoke up. He told these Christian leaders that he had regular contact with Adventists every year at the Global Christian Forum. He said that Adventists were indeed Christians — not a fringe sect. And the result was that the Adventist Church retained its legal status and its ability to function within that country.

I’ve heard many other such examples. It makes a practical difference if the Adventist Church is perceived as a credible, trustworthy, and internationally recognized organization. Our ability to function, to undertake mission, and to establish Adventist institutions can be largely dependent on how we’re seen by the government and other dominant religious groups.

<http://www.adventistreview.org/church-news/story4564-interfaith-engagement-and-faithfulness-to-the-three-angels%E2%80%99-messages>

### **27 ways Adventists Can Encourage Christian Unity**

14. Unity in the promotion of freedom, equality, and fraternity is part of the international mandate ratified by the United Nations.

<http://www.adventistreview.org/church-news/story3088-why-adventists-participate-in-un-and-ecumenical-meetings>

### **What happened to the young prodigal was contemplating on joining the pigs to a meal of “husks”?**

Luke 15:17-19

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.



Instead of eating the “husks” he came to himself! He repented and confessed. Humble himself. He recognized the husk, false doctrines, the little horn doctrines was full of error and deceit....

**What did the prodigal do, did he stay in the Babylonian pig pen eating their “husks” of false doctrine?**

NO! He got out!

What was his father reaction when he saw his son coming back home, to the way the TRUTH and the life?

**Luke 15:20-24**

- 20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.
- 21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.
- 22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put *it* on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on *his* feet:
- 23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill *it*; and let us eat, and be merry:
- 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

This is Jesus and ALL heaven response when a prodigal return home! This is true repentance and conversion! The prodigal is no longer prodigal, but a changed young man of righteousness.

Your heavenly Father will take from you the garments defiled by sin. In the beautiful parabolic prophecy of Zechariah, the high priest Joshua, standing clothed in filthy garments before the angel of the Lord, represents the sinner. And the word is spoken by the Lord, "Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him He said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. . . . So they set a fair miter upon his head, and clothed him with garments." Zechariah 3:4, 5. Even so God will clothe you with "the garments of salvation," and cover you with "the robe of righteousness." Isaiah 61:10. "Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold." Psalm 68:13. {COL 206.2}

He will bring you into His banqueting house, and His banner over you shall be love. (Song of Solomon 2:4) "If thou wilt walk in My ways," He declares, "I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by"--even among the holy angels that surround His throne. (Zechariah 3:7.) {COL 206.3}

"As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee." Isaiah 62:5. "He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love; He will joy over thee with singing." Zephaniah 3:17. And heaven and earth shall unite in the Father's song of rejoicing: "For this My son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." COL 207

What was the older brother's response?

**Luke 15:25-32**

- 25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.
- 26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.
- 27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.
- 28 And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.
- 29 And he answering said to *his* father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:
- 30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

- 31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.  
32 It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

The older brother does not even acknowledge him as a brother, but coldly speaks of him as "thy son."

This older brother attitude, reflected the attitude of the Pharisees.

“By the elder son were represented the unrepenting Jews of Christ's day, and also the Pharisees in every age, who look with contempt upon those whom they regard as publicans and sinners. Because they themselves have not gone to great excesses in vice, they are filled with self-righteousness. Christ met these cavilers on their own ground. Like the elder son in the parable, they had enjoyed special privileges from God. They claimed to be sons in God's house, but they had the spirit of the hireling.” COL 209

### Appeal

Are you a prodigal? Get out of the Babylonian pig pen, repent.... Jesus will accept you with open arms....

Time is EXTREMELY SHORT... 2017 will be a wild year prophetically. You will see some very strange developments!

“To human wisdom all this now seems impossible; but as the restraining Spirit of God shall be withdrawn from men, and they shall be under the control of Satan, who hates the divine precepts, there will be strange developments.” GC 608