

When a Man Comes to Himself

(Scripture - Luke 15:11-24)

(Text, just "And ...he came to him-

(Read Scrip. in Phil. tr.) (self)

1) Some
men
say
that
when
a
man
comes
to
himself
he
doesn't
come
to
himself
any
more

Some peo. wd say that when t. prod. son came to himself, he didn't come to himself. -- call

In ano. com. a man used to common but t. pars. fr. time to time tellg me how very mis. he was. He had a big family str wife who fr. time to time wd keep phys. fit by beating him up. One day he told me he cdn't std. it any longer, and tht he wd just kill himself.

I tried to help him as best I cd; but one day he got some very dif. advice fr. mine fr. ano. man in t. commun. who knew him bet. than I. - This man, when he spoke to him abt end-g. it all, sd to him, "That's a good idea. Now I will tell you what to do..... "Here goes nothin'! That advice may hv brt him to his senses - for he decided to kp on living."

T. prod son going thru t. fields to feed t. pigs of his employer must have felt like say-g "Here goes nothing." And many peo. wd hv agreed w. him - "a thor. gd-for nothg fellow." they wd hv said. --

BUT JESUS WHO KNEW HE WAS IN THEM MAN WD HAVE DISAGREED WITH THEM.

+ He knew what I mean

~~The man who came to his father~~
~~prod. when he came to his father~~
~~came to see this~~ ~~and~~ ~~inf~~

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are
two
man

FOR THERE WERE TWO SELVES IN THAT
MAN, AS ~~he~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~. There was
t. present self and t. pos. self-
And when he came to himself in this
~~deeper sense~~ he came to a vision
of the person he ~~had~~ ~~been~~, t.
man he was meant to be - t. son, his
lov-g. father ~~always~~ ~~wanted~~ ~~him~~ ~~to~~
be - t. man he in his heart ~~desired~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~
How many men, and women, have
had that exper. in t. cent-s since
Christ, ~~who~~ ~~knows~~ ~~as~~ ~~well~~,
spoke these wds! (Cf. "I've got to
go out to-night...")
"Across t. fields of yesterday"
There oft comes back to me,
A lit. lad just in fr. play.
The boy I used to be.

"And oh he smiles so wistfully,
Once he has crept within;
I wonder if he hoped to find,-
The man I mi. have been."

3) Under
tree
other I
talk to
a
man
become
off min

JC, who came into this world to
save sinners, did not dwell on
the wretched record that many man
when ~~He~~ ~~had~~ ~~made~~, but on t.
new record ~~he~~ ~~cd~~ ~~make~~. He saw
man not as they were but in the
light of the possibilities, and he
spoke to them of their ~~best~~ ~~selves~~
the possibl selves, as thr
real, true selves... A

"Ye are t. light of t. world"
Thk of it - but they cd catch
the light ~~and~~ ~~be~~ ~~that~~.

ref. His

in front
- down
is out
at the
the P.
- Zac
Here he sees a man named Simon,
t. bro. of Andrew - a big talker,
a show off, ~~but~~ unstable as water
but He sees also t. man ~~he~~ can
become - firm as a rock - and
He gives him a new name - Peter,
the rock - to live up to as his
true name - and Peter be-c-
firm and rugged as granite...

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dis
He sees Zac., with nothg bet. to
live for than being a grasp-g
~~tax coll.~~ grd-g out of t. people
t. last farthing - knowg they ha-
ted him - but saying - ~~him~~ "Money
is power and I are got it" - as
one illit. money-lover once expr. m
But Jesus sees that deep in t. heart
of Zac. there is a ~~nature~~ a soul.
that w'l nev. be satisf. with t. ~~role~~
he has chosen and bef. t. day is
over Zac. is beg-g to be that new
man that he in his deeper self
had wanted to be....
JO IS LIKE A SHILTOR WHO HAS BEF.
HIM A BLOCK OF MARBLE. OTHERS
MAY SEE IN THAT ONLY A SHAPELESS
MASS OF ~~HARD MATERIAL~~ BUT JESUS
SEES ~~THERE~~ A BEAUT., GLOR. STATUE
WH. HE PROPOSES TO CARVE - *yes*
to put on it your name, ~~as you~~

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ive
at
lock
on
sticker
rust
Well, the prod. son came to himself
- came to his senses, saw clearly
- saw ~~human~~ not only t. man he
was but t. man he ^{was} meant to be -
he saw all that ^{when} reduced to
beggary and clothed with rags -
with swine as his associates.
HE WAS DOWN, IN THE DUST.
And men, who are md of dust, some

exc. 5, dust.
never see clearly and turn to
God until they are down in t.
dust / (It's for people -)

"Before I was afflic." says t.

Psalmist, "I went astray, but..

In my prosp. I said, I shall nev.
be moved" - many a man has done
that, and God has had to remove
t. prosp. that his soul may prosper.

"He taketh away t. lesser..."

- t. thgs that are seen and temp.
in favor of t. thgs.....

The prod. saw clearly fr. a pic-sty

- some see clearly fr. a hos. bed...

- of from t. valley of t. shadow
of ~~harm~~ some great

bereavement - They know what
mourning means, and then discover
what H. meant when He said "Bles.
are they that mourn, for they,

"O joy that seekest me thru pain,

I cannot close my heart to Thee,

I trace the rainbow thru t. rain,
And feel the promise is not vain

That moon shall tearless be." -

AND THEN T. MORNING BEGINS TO BRK*

CHRIST T. LIGHT OF T. WORLD RISES

ON THEIR SOULS - and t. promise

is fulf. "And the Lord shl be

Thine ev-g light, and...."

But it is a glor. thg to have

Christ lead one ~~into~~ who

has been blind into clear seeing

- whatever the means employed or

the occas. - But And it is gen.

thus - that adversity of some kind

is neces. bef. we are ready to arise

and go wholeheartedly to our Fath

or
BUT OH IT IS A GLOR. THG THST THERE

ARE THOSE - see clearly -

who do not have to down in t.
dust bef. they ~~all~~ ~~up~~ ~~to~~ God,
say - "Lord, what wilt...."

THE GOODNESS OF GOD, THE IT TELLS
US, LEADETH US TO REP....

Many a man pondering t. gdness of
God in his life, has one day waked
up - come to himself, seen clearly
and said "What shall I render...."

What it was that the prod saw, and
what men see to-day - that t. grt
aim for life is something higher
than getting - of the prod. first
req. "Give me....." Have we got-
ten higher than that.?

IF NOT, GOD MAY HAVE TO TAKE US
THRU SOME HARD EXPER. TO KNOCK
US SENSIBLE....

When t. prod. ret'd his great req.
was not "Give me" but "Make me"
- and our need ~~tm~~ is to be made
into something by the power of
Christ, "I will make you to be.
~~fishers of men~~ * He said and
He md them fishers of men -

What did t. prod. want to be made? -
A SERVANT * "Make me as one...."

Einstein who ~~died~~ ~~for~~ ~~mann~~ said
once that to be a suc. man was
one thg; but a greater thg was
to be a man of value. Few sci-s,
few men in some other professions
fields of service to ~~humanity~~,
ever make much in monetary terms
but if they are of value ~~in the~~
~~service~~ - that is what counts.

... a luxurious
~~momentary~~ out on a ranch in ~~Rich~~
Ariz. there were liv-g ~~and~~ 7
yrs ago a ~~man~~ man and his
wife -enjoy-g as they tht
t.gd thgs of life, and hav-g
a right to. He was related to
one of the wealthiest men our
country had ever prod. ~~and~~
~~hardly~~ They were not
worried over mat.needs...

But one day somethg hap.in that
ranch home. A copy of LIFE mag.
came ~~in~~ to that house, cont-g
a lengthy acct. of the work of Dr
Alb. Schweitzer, the famed med.
miss.in Africa -with many pict-s
illust-g his services to t.peo.
of one of the earth's most needy
areas... ~~man, dr, nurse, books~~

This couple read t.acct and lked
at t.pict-s and then began refl-g
on thr own easy going lives. ~~THEY~~
AND SOMETHG HAPPENED TO THEM * THEY
CAME TO THEMSELVES * Saw what
they ought to be doing instd of
just enjoy-g t.lux-s of this world
And to they were alm.40 yrs old they
decided to prep.selves to do a w.
s.m.to that of Dr.S and his wife
They met Dr.S.when he was in this
country -and then vis.him in
Lombarene. Africa. The they ent.
Tulane Univ.Med.School -he as a
dr.,she as a lab.technician.
In six yrs they grad., and he
then spent a yr as interne
Meanwhile they read and trav.mucl
to see just where they were grtly
needed. And to-day ther are estab
in Haiti...It was op.last Dec.
with t.Pres. of Haiti pres.-They

have named it the Alb. Schw. Hosp.
It shd be mentd here that the
T. Mellons were not at the time
they read t. art. members of any
church; but t. infl. of Jesus thru
Schw. - who is a min. as well as a
dr. - and t. infl. of his rep. in this
co. led them to take t. name of
Jesus as thr Sav. and to join t
church, and be baptized

(12) on shelf
If you shd talk to such people to-
day, and with countless others
who have fol. t. pathway of Jesus, you wd
surely thk of Jesus' great wds,
"I am come that they mi. have
life..." - Those people are

not living know what
We may not be called to t. partic.
type of serv. that t. Mellons
were called to, tho I hope that
this ch. is going to be send-
out some for. mis-s- but we wd
all be called to be servts. -

Oh that we may learn early to say
to life and God not "Give Me"
but Make me - as one of thy sevrt
Here are yg people grad-g from
school and col. - Here is a new
member on our staff - to pri-
to be more well informed able and
serv. Xns. It is high time to
wake out of sleep, to come to our
selves - to come to ours-s, & to God

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(14)
Curtis
- 10/1/77
- 10/1/77
How do you feel abt it all
as you sit here this morng
It is said that hell is paved w.
good inetnt-s; but heaven can
be paved with gd intent-s -the
dif. is in the nat. of the inten-
tions. If they are just weak
inclinations, that means event.
hell on earth, the hell of dis
apptmt with yourself; if they
are strong det-s that means
heaven,,,

The prod. said "I will arise
and go....." and he arose
and went... and his father
ran to meet him and ord. a.
feast -and that welc. and that
feast awaits you...

(15)
L. J. H.
C. X.
up
How shall ~~the~~ life wh. ~~you~~ secr.
desire -the main thg wh. you
don't want to miss in this
world - how shl it be yrs?

BY THE HELP OF ONE WHO TK UPON
HIM THE FORM OF A SERV'T, AND WAS
MADE IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN
-made in our likeness that we
mi. be made in His. That is t.
grt prom. to each one here
this mrng, and we shall never
find peace with anythg less.

IS NOT VR DEEPEST, TRUEST SELF
SAVING ~~THESE DAYS~~ TO YOUR SAV
"I SHL BE SATISFD *AND NOT BEF.*
WHEN I AWAKE IN THY LIKENESS!!"