

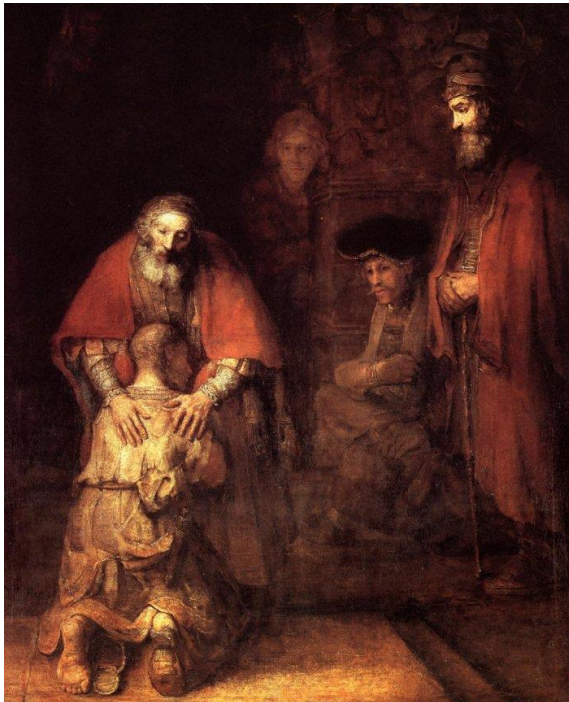


Sermon Notes for May 18, 2025

“The Resentful Son” by Rev. Dr. Bob Lee

Part 3 of “Coming Home: A Journey with the Prodigal Son”

A series based upon the Parable of the Prodigal Son from Luke 15:11-32, with reflections on *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen and Rembrandt’s famous painting, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, which he completed in the years prior to his death in 1669.



This week, take time to reflect on the older son in the painting (standing, and to the right). Consider the following questions:

- The elder son’s body is close, but his heart is far. *Where are you?*
- Grace invites all to the celebration of return. *Will we accept the invitation?*
- In God’s house, there are no perfect children—only beloved ones. *Lay down resentment. Take up joy. Join the feast!*

Source for painting -- Title: Rembrandt Harmensz. van Rijn: The Return of the Prodigal Son (1668) Author / citation: Ronald Klip, artbible.info.
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