

## Sin Separates Me From God

*“<sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.” – Luke 15:14-16.*

Sin had brought the young man to a dangerous place of destitution and utter desperation. The devil's nature of a thief, killer and destroyer of man's body and soul is clearly seen in this parable. Matthew Henry comments:

*“What a vile master is satan, who allures men into his service by the hope of worldly enjoyment, and then leaves them to the most abject state of wretchedness! The prodigal's wretched state only faintly shadows forth the awful ruin of man by sin. Yet how few are sensible of their own state and character!”*

In this state of sin, there is no thought of the father that this young man knew. To further compound the problem, the young man is in a distant country, very far from home. It is as though sin has drawn him so far away from his father that even though he calls out for help, his father could not have heard. Sin had caused a separation between father and child. A similar analogy can be made concerning the breakdown of the relationship between God and man as a result of sin. Isaiah 59:2 says:

*“But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God,  
And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.”*

It is a terrible state to be in when you are in need and there is no one there to help. Not even God can help me since my sin separates me from God. In his lost state, there is no help from man nor God of since the young man has turned his back both on his earthly father and his Heavenly One.

Matthew Henry concludes:

*“Souls that are separated from God are lost souls; and if infinite mercy prevent not, will soon be lost irrevocably.”*

Because of His love for us, God sent His Son Jesus to thwart the plans of the devil the destroyer of our minds, bodies and souls. Jesus came to redeem us from the hands of the wicked one, and to turn our hearts back to God. Jesus, our Mediator, is indeed the Bridge between the Heavenly Father and the prodigal son.

*“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” – 1 Timothy 2:5*

Today, may the eyes of our minds be opened.

*Heavenly Father,*

*“Thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ – my Redeemer and Mediator. In search of worldly pleasures, I have turned my back on both my family and You, O God,. My sinful lifestyle has now brought me to a place of need and desperation. O Lord, today I ask for Your forgiveness, and call upon my Mediator to plead my cause. Thank You for Your Comforter, the Holy Spirit. Guide me through this difficult situation and bring me back to my First Love, which is You, O God. Thank You for Your goodness and mercy towards me. In Jesus’ mighty name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.”*

**Memory Verse:**

*‘Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me..”– John 14:5.*