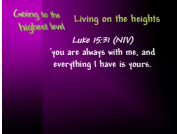


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***Your Position, Part 17 -
Going to the Highest Level
Living on the Heights***

Luke 15:31 (NIV) “My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.’

I want to take us one step higher in looking at our privilege and portion.

All of the Lord’s parables have deep spiritual and practical principles for life.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son includes several messages to those who remain faithful in service to God.

One of these is applicable to this subject.

Jesus said: Luke 15:31 (NIV) “My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.’”

God has made provision for us.

Romans 8:15 (NIV) For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”

You have been given a position that fully acknowledges and recognizes a mature relationship with the Father.

You have received the Spirit of sonship.

Are you able to accept this word of the Lord?

He wants to take you to a higher level of living and expectation.

You are not a slave, but a son.

What does it mean when Jesus says: “Everything I have is yours”?

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2 Corinthians 6:18 (NIV) “I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

The Prodigal Son did not esteem the honor and privilege of being a son.

He wasted what he had been given and was unworthy to even be called a son.

When he came home, he was willing to be a slave in his father's house.

He knew he did not deserve a thing.

Sin will do that to you.

Now, look more closely at the Elder brother.

Do you notice that he was not taking full advantage of the privileges that were available to him.

Everything that the father has was his.

Consider what Galatians 4:5-7 says:

Galatians 4:5-7 (NIV) to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and ***since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.***

There are several key words here for us.

Full rights of sons

God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts

You are a son

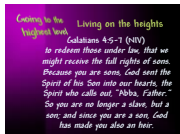
You are an heir

What is the Spirit of God telling us?

You are not a slave.

You are a son with a position of honor.

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God expects us to live in this position.

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 Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged.

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God intends to have us enjoy the full privilege of our position in Christ Jesus.

#8

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 Living on the heights
 1 John 3:1 (Amplified)
 SEE WHAT an [incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, *that we should [be permitted to] be named and called and counted the children of God!* And so we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him.

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It is almost inconceivable what God has apportioned out for us.

In the Parable of the Prodigal son, Jesus told his disciples that all the father has belongs to the son.

Now the Holy Spirit is clearly defining our position.

We have been made heirs.

We have been named, called, and counted the children of God.

The tragedy is that many live in the house and never receive the full blessing that is available.

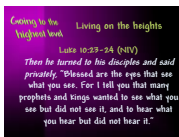
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Matthew 13:11 (NIV) He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.

A son in the home has knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom.

#10



Luke 10:23-24 (NIV) Then he turned to his disciples and said privately,

"Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

God has brought the ransomed, redeemed, and reconciled into a privileged position.

Our portion is rich.

We have been made to feast on heavens bread.

We have been included.

We have been caused to see what the world cannot see.

#11

Coming to the Living on the heights
highest work
Romans 5:2 (Amplified)
Through Him also we have [our]
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Are you beginning to understand the privilege we have gained?

*God has included us,
and given us full access to His richness.*

#12

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (Amplified)
...not seen and ...not heard and
...not entered into the heart of man
...God has prepared ...revealed and
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...for the [Holy] Spirit searches
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1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (Amplified) But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What *eye has not seen* and *ear has not heard* and has *not entered into the heart of man*, [all that] **God has prepared** (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed]. Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, *for the [Holy] Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God* [the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny].

God has prepared a richness for us that is conceivable only though the mind of the Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit is constantly and thoroughly exploring and examining everything that pertains to God. He knows the profound, rich, and bottomless things of God that are beyond man's scrutiny.

Listen to this: God has unveiled and revealed {these things} them by and through His Spirit.

#13

Coming to the
highest level
John 2:20 (Amplified)
But you have been anointed by
[you hold a sacred appointment
from, you have been given an
unction from] the Holy One, and
you all know [the Truth] or you
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#14

Both sons were
inadequately aware
of the blessing
that was available
back.
Neither of them properly valued the
covering, covenant, or consideration
their father had given them.

Go back to the Lord's illustration in the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

It is profoundly perplexing that both of sons were inadequately aware of the blessing and favor that was available to them.

Neither of them properly valued the covering, covenant, or consideration their father had given them.

Though they were a son, they did not fully enjoy what had been provided.

We can fall into that same condemnation.

God has fully apportioned His grace, mercy, and richness to us.

He has opened up His bottomless blessings to us.

The Holy Spirit has searched out and found all that is His.

Nothing is being held back.

#15

Coming to the
highest level
1 Peter 2:9-10 (Amplified)
But you are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's]
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highest level
1 Peter 2:10 (Amplified)
Once you were not a people [at
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people; once you were unpitied,
but now you are pitied and have
received mercy.

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#17



You were in darkness

At one time you were not a people

At one time no one pitied you.

BUT NOW !

We are chosen

We are a royal priesthood

We are a dedicated nation

We are God's own purchased, special people

I'm living higher now!

I'm going to the highest level

Living on the heights

Isaiah 62:3 (NIV) You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You need to start expecting more to come your way.
Start looking for the blessing of God to come upon you.
Start living higher.

God is prepared to take you up to a new level.

He has bent down to pick you up.

He wants to take you to the highest level.