



THE FATHER'S LAVISH LOVE

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“When I dream about the moonlight on the Wabash, how I long for my Indiana home.” BACK HOME AGAIN IN INDIANA

“The message of the Bible is that that the human race is a band of exiles trying to come home.” TIM KELLER, *THE PRODIGAL GOD*

An Unexpected Homecoming

“And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’” LUKE 15:20-21

This scene is a beautiful picture of the _____, when God became a baby in Bethlehem and put on the humiliating clothing of humanity.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their wrongdoings against them. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:19 NIV

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.” GALATIANS 3:13

A Homecoming Feast Like No Other

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.” LUKE 15:22-23 ESV

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“And I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 8:11, SEE ALSO ISAIAH 25:6; REVELATION 19

The Beginning of Joy

For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.” LUKE 15:24

“Joy is the series business of heaven.” C.S. LEWIS

“The kingdom of heaven is a party!” TONY CAMPOLO