

A FATHER'S GIFTS TO HIS SON 2

Concerning his returning son, the father said,

'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. Bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry.' A time of rejoicing!" (Luke 15:11-24)



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The father gave gifts and honor to His returning son.

1. A robe

1a) **A robe**, (Isaiah 61:10) *My soul shall be joyful, He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments,*

1b) **A robe** (Rev 3:17-18) *To the Laodiceans "you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed".*

1c) **A robe** (Zechariah 3:3-5) *This depicts the judgment scene. Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. Then He spoke to those who stood before Him,*

"Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they did, and they put the clothes on him."

2. A ring for his hand

2a) **A ring for his hand**, (Gen 41:42) *Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.*

In our day, the best **SEC** football team of the season get the championship ring to be worn with dignity and honor.

2b) **A ring for his hand** (Esther 8:2) *“And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told how he was related to her.*

Esther 8:2 “So the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai; and Esther appointed Mordecai over the house of Haman”.

3. **Shoes for his feet:**

3a) **Shoes for his feet**, [to go barefoot was a sign of a slave].

(Isaiah 20:2) *The LORD spoke by Isaiah, “Go, and remove the sackcloth from your body, and take your sandals off your feet.” And he did so, walking naked and barefoot”*

3b) **Shoes for their feet**, clothes to wear and food to eat. (2 Chronicles 28:15) *Then the men who were designated by name rose up and took the captives, and from the spoil they clothed all who were naked, dressed them and gave them sandals, gave them food and drink, and anointed them; and they let all the feeble ones ride on donkeys. These things were given them as a symbol of freedom AND honor.*

4) **The fattened calf**

The fattened calf was reserved for honored guests and for very special occasions, not the every day fare. This is seen in the story of king Saul when he meets the witch of En Dor.

(1 Samuel 28:7; 24-25) *the Lord departed from Saul and Saul said "Find me a woman who is a medium, that I may go inquire of her." His servants said, "In fact, there is a woman who is a medium at En Dor." After speaking to the dead, Saul was so weak he needed food to continue. Now the woman had a fattened calf in the house, she prepared it to eat. So she brought it before Saul and his servants, and they ate.”*

Conclusion. What I see in Luke 15 is the father didn't just allow him home to work in the fields but rather as a welcomed guest to retake his rightful place as an heir again.

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