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SUNDAY BULLETIN - FEBRUARY 8, 2015 A.D.



“Do you think that only atheists deny the existence of God?

I assure you that every sin you commit proves you have forgotten His presence!”

(H.H. Pope Shenouda III)

**WE ARE ALL
PRODIGAL
SONS!**

WE ALL NEED TO STOP DOING WHAT WE THINK IS BEST FOR US. WE NEED TO STOP GOING IN OUR OWN DIRECTION. WE MUST TURN AROUND AND HEAD BACK UP IN THE DIRECTION OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. EVEN IF THE PATH IS HARDER AND SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE TO US. KNOW THAT CHRIST IS AT THE TOP OF THAT STAIRCASE WAITING TO RECEIVE US AND FORGIVE US. BUT WE FIRST NEED TO REPENT, BECAUSE WITHOUT REPENTANCE WE WOULD NOT EVEN REALISE THAT WE ARE GOING DOWN UNSTEAD OF UP! (FR. MARK)

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“Our language is Antiochian, our language is One” - H.B. Patriarch John X

THE HOLY EPISTLE (1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20)

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

THE HOLY GOSPEL (ST. LUKE 15:11-32)

Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.’” “And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry. “Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’ “But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’ “And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’”

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كُلُّ الْأَشْيَاءِ تَحَلُّ لِي لَكِنْ لَيْسَ كُلُّ الْأَشْيَاءِ تُوَفَّقُ. كُلُّ الْأَشْيَاءِ تَحَلُّ لِي لَكِنْ لَا يَتَسَلَّطُ عَلَيَّ شَيْءٌ. الْأَطْعَمَةُ لِلْجَوْفِ وَالْجَوْفُ لِلْأَطْعَمَةِ وَاللَّهُ سَيَبِيدُ هَذَا وَتَلْكَ. وَلَكِنَّ الْجَسَدَ لَيْسَ لِلزَّانَا بَلْ لِلرَّبِّ وَالرَّبُّ لِلْجَسَدِ. وَاللَّهُ قَدْ أَقَامَ الرَّبَّ وَسَيَقِيمُنَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا بِقُوَّتِهِ. أَلَسْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ أَجْسَادَكُمْ هِيَ أَعْضَاءُ الْمَسِيحِ؟ أَفَأَخِذْ أَعْضَاءَ الْمَسِيحِ وَأَجْعَلْهَا أَعْضَاءَ زَانِيَةٍ؟ حَاشَا! أَمْ لَسْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ مَنْ التَّصَقَّ بِزَانِيَةٍ هُوَ جَسَدٌ وَاحِدٌ لِأَنَّهُ يَقُولُ: «يَكُونُ الْإِنْتَانُ جَسَدًا وَاحِدًا». وَأَمَّا مَنْ التَّصَقَّ بِالرَّبِّ فَهُوَ رُوحٌ وَاحِدٌ. أَهْرَبُوا مِنَ الزَّانَا. كُلُّ خَطِيئَةٍ يَفْعَلُهَا الْإِنْسَانُ هِيَ خَارِجَةٌ عَنِ الْجَسَدِ لَكِنَّ الَّذِي يَزْنِي يُخْطِئُ إِلَى جَسَدِهِ. أَمْ لَسْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ جَسَدَكُمْ هُوَ هَيْكَلٌ لِلرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ الَّذِي فِيكُمْ الَّذِي لَكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَأَنْكُمْ لَسْتُمْ لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ؟ لِأَنَّكُمْ قَدْ اشْتَرَيْتُمْ بِثَمَنٍ. فَمَجِّدُوا اللَّهَ فِي أَجْسَادِكُمْ وَفِي أَرْوَاحِكُمْ الَّتِي هِيَ لِلَّهِ.

وَقَالَ: «إِنْسَانٌ كَانَ لَهُ ابْنَانِ. فَقَالَ أَصْغَرُهُمَا لِأَبِيهِ: يَا أَبِي أَعْطِنِي الْقِسْمَ الَّذِي يُصِيبُنِي مِنَ الْمَالِ. فَفَقَسَمَ لَهُمَا مَعِيشَتَهُ. وَبَعْدَ أَيَّامٍ لَيْسَتْ بِكَثِيرَةٍ جَمَعَ الْإِبْنُ الْأَصْغَرَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَسَافَرَ إِلَى كُورَةَ بَعِيدَةٍ وَهُنَاكَ بَدَرَ مَالَهُ بِعَيْشٍ مُسْرِفٍ. فَلَمَّا أَنْفَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَدَثَ جُوعٌ شَدِيدٌ فِي تِلْكَ الْكُورَةِ فَابْتَدَأَ يَحْتَاجُ. فَمَضَى وَالتَّصَقَّ بِوَاحِدٍ مِنْ أَهْلِ تِلْكَ الْكُورَةِ فَارْسَلَهُ إِلَى حُقُولِهِ لِيرْعَى خَنَازِيرَ. وَكَانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَمَلَأَ بَطْنَهُ مِنَ الْخُرْتُوبِ الَّذِي كَانَتْ الْخَنَازِيرُ تَأْكُلُهُ فَلَمْ يَعْطِهِ أَحَدٌ. فَرَجَعَ إِلَى نَفْسِهِ وَقَالَ: كَمْ مِنْ أَجِيرٍ لِأَبِي يَفْضَلُ عَنْهُ الْخُبْزُ وَأَنَا أَهْلِكُ جُوعًا! أَفُومٌ وَأَذْهَبُ إِلَى أَبِي وَأَقُولُ لَهُ: يَا أَبِي أَخْطَأْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَقَدْ أَمَكْتُ وَلَسْتُ مُسْتَحَقًّا بَعْدَ أَنْ أُدْعَى لَكَ ابْنًا. اجْعَلْنِي كَأَحَدِ أَجْرَاكَ. فَقَامَ وَجَاءَ إِلَى أَبِيهِ. وَإِذْ كَانَ لَمْ يَزَلْ بَعِيدًا رَأَاهُ أَبُوهُ فَتَحَنَّنَ وَرَكَضَ وَوَقَعَ عَلَى عُنُقِهِ وَقَبَّلَهُ. فَقَالَ لَهُ الْإِبْنُ: يَا أَبِي أَخْطَأْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَقَدْ أَمَكْتُ وَلَسْتُ مُسْتَحَقًّا بَعْدَ أَنْ أُدْعَى لَكَ ابْنًا. فَقَالَ الْآبُ لِعَبِيدِهِ: أَخْرِجُوا الْحُلَّةَ الْأُولَى وَالْبَسُوهُ وَاجْعَلُوا خَاتَمًا فِي يَدِهِ وَحِذَاءً فِي رِجْلَيْهِ وَقَدِّمُوا الْعِجْلَ الْمُسَمَّنَ وَادْبَحُوهُ فَنَأْكُلْ وَنَفْرَحَ لِأَنَّ ابْنِي هَذَا كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَعَاشَ وَكَانَ ضَالًّا فَوُجِدَ. فَابْتَدَأُوا يَفْرَحُونَ. وَكَانَ ابْنُهُ الْأَكْبَرُ فِي الْحَقْلِ. فَلَمَّا جَاءَ وَقَرَّبَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ سَمِعَ صَوْتَ آلَاتِ طَرْبٍ وَرَقْصًا فَدَعَا وَاحِدًا مِنَ الْعُلَمَانَ وَسَأَلَهُ: مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: أَخُوكَ جَاءَ فَذَبَحَ أَبُوكَ الْعِجْلَ الْمُسَمَّنَ لِأَنَّهُ قَبْلَهُ سَالِمًا. فَغَضِبَ وَلَمْ يَرِدْ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ. فَخَرَجَ أَبُوهُ يَطْلُبُ إِلَيْهِ. فَقَالَ لِأَبِيهِ: هَا أَنَا أَخْدَمُكَ سَنِينَ هَذَا عَدَدَهَا وَقَطُّ لَمْ أَتْجَاوِزْ وَصِيَّتَكَ وَجَدِيًا لَمْ تُعْطِنِي قَطُّ لِأَفْرَحَ مَعَ أَصْدِقَائِي. وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا جَاءَ ابْنُكَ هَذَا الَّذِي أَكَلَ مَعِيشَتَكَ مَعَ الزَّوَانِي دَبَحَتْ لَهُ الْعِجْلَ الْمُسَمَّنَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ: يَا بَنِي أَنْتَ مَعِيَ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ وَكُلُّ مَا لِي فَهُوَ لَكَ. وَلَكِنْ كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ نَفْرَحَ وَنَسْرَ لِأَنَّ أَخَاكَ هَذَا كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَعَاشَ وَكَانَ ضَالًّا فَوُجِدَ.»

MID-LENTEN LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015

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Ben Stein stars in this satirical documentary which examines the criticisms and hostilities that exist in today's scientific field (both academic and professional) towards peers and journalists who subscribe to or even entertain the perspective of Intelligent Design (God) in science.



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