

4th Sunday in Lent

(Joshua 5.9,10-12, 2Corinthians 5.17-21, Luke 15.1-3, 11-32)

THEME: A Time To Reconcile With God

The readings of this 4th Sunday of Lent speaks to us again what Lent means to us, children of God. It tells us once more, that Lent is the period for us to reconcile ourselves with our God: A time of personal examination.

The story of the Prodigal Son from the gospel narrative today, reminds us, that in God we have a compassionate and loving Father. A merciful Father, who is always ready and willing to welcome us back with His tender love. A loving God (Father) who is always waiting for us to come back to Him and say "*Father, we have sinned, have mercy on us.*" The Prodigal Son, who lived a bad life, later came to himself and went back to his father and pleaded for forgiveness. His father in his love and compassionate heart forgave him all his sins and clothed him with a beautiful garment.

This Lenten season is our own time to come back to our God and say, "*Father forgive us for have sinned.*" What is holding you back? Free yourself and come back to God your Father and reconcile with him. Do not say that God may not forgive you or accept you back again as his son or daughter. Like this Prodigal Son today, come to your senses and take a step forward, towards your Father, God.

God will tell you those words he told Joshua in the first reading today, that he will take away from your life the disgrace of your past life.

Paul, through the second reading today, will inform you that once you reconcile with God, that you have become a new creation. For when the old sinful life has passed away, we now live in Christ. And you will become a new person in Christ Jesus.

Beloved friends, like the Prodigal Son, let us realize that we have a compassionate God as our Father. Let us get up and go back to Him and reconcile with Him.