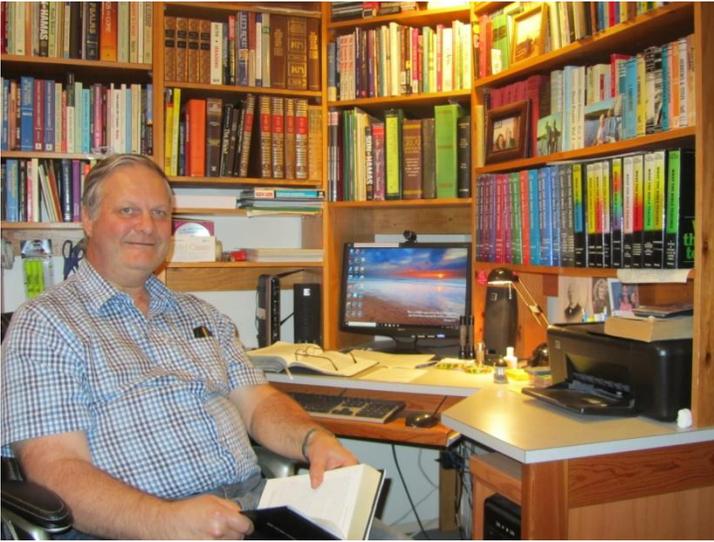


Correspondent's Corner

Coming Home

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Today we were coming home after getting groceries and various things that we needed for the week. On the way home I was thinking it will be nice to get home and rest in the place that is our sanctuary from the bustle of the world. The word “home” brings

all kinds of different thoughts and feelings to different people depending on their experience of either a positive or negative home life. For some home has become a big disappointment due to a loss of a loved one or some other difficulty in life. For others home was never really a home but through the grace of God changes came and now what was maybe only a house has become truly a home. The home where the family lives is a large part of what makes a stable society. Let's look at a home that the Lord Jesus spoke about to some of His critics who were critical of some of the people that He associated with.

In Luke 15:1-7 the Lord Jesus was criticised for associating with “publicans and sinners”. The religious leaders were always finding fault with the Lord and what He said or did and this time was no exception. They murmured saying “This man receives sinners, and eats with them”. So the Lord, as He often did, told a story to illustrate a point. He spoke of a man who had an hundred sheep and how one of his sheep wandered away and became lost. So the man left the ninety nine sheep and went searching for the one that was lost. The man cared for all of the sheep but one needed to be rescued. The man searched for his lost sheep until he found it. Having found the sheep he laid it on his shoulders and rejoiced all the way home. When he came home he called his friends and neighbours and said “Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost”. The critics were spoken to this day regarding their attitude towards others they despised. The lost sheep was carried home to safety by one who loved it. It was lost but now it was found. The Bible says that we are all like sheep going astray or away from God but He loves us and sent His Son to die for our sins on the cross. We can be brought home by this good Shepherd to enjoy an eternal “home” in Heaven. At the end of the story the Lord spoke of the joy that is in Heaven over one sinner that repents and comes home. There is truly a happy home promised to all who trust the Lord Jesus for salvation.

Sincerely, *John Eggers*

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