

# THE FATTED CALF MENALITY

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The Prodigal chooses to roam -  
(Soon lack of food made him aware)!  
He then opted to go back home -  
To his Father, who waited there.

How will Father greet wayward son?  
What punishment will he mete out?  
What would we do with such a one?  
(*He'd feel our wrath, there's little doubt!*)

"Let's kill for him *the fatted calf*-  
Bring the best robe, expensive rings -  
Dress my boy well, alert my staff -  
We'll party 'til this whole house swings!"

The eldest son, fresh from hard work -  
Hearing the noise, spoke a sour note -  
"I do for you and never shirk -  
You don't give me *a skinny goat!*"

*Which mind-set do we wish to claim -  
"The Fatted Calf," or "Skinny Goat?"  
"Forgiving Grace," the Father's aim -  
"Self-Centeredness," the son's sour note!*

Jesus taught the multitudes the parable of The Prodigal Son:  
"... I will arise and go to my Father ... And when he was yet  
a great way off his Father saw him and had compassion ... and  
kissed him ... The Father said: Bring forth *The Fatted Calf*...  
and let us eat and be merry .... But the elder son was angry ...  
You never gave me a kid (*A Skinny Goat*) that I might make  
merry....." Luke 15:11-32 from The King James Bible