



“And now I am no more in the world,
but these are in the world...” (John 17:11).

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THE PRODIGAL PRINCE

In January, Britain’s Prince Harry announced that he and his wife, Meghan, would be stepping down from their role as senior members of the Royal Family. They moved first to British Columbia and then to Los Angeles to pursue a more private lifestyle as they raise their one-year-old son, Archie. While this caused an international furor and sold many magazines, the fallout from their departure may not be as negative as many predicted. Queen Elizabeth is reported to be quite fond of Prince Harry. Last month, the queen expressed that she fully expected the couple to return to the fold one day, and she stands ready to welcome the royal prodigal with open arms.

THE PRODIGAL PEOPLE

Though God’s people rebelled in a much more serious way, God nevertheless still loved and pursued them in their unfaithfulness. In today’s Scripture, the Lord considers the sins of His people and His plan to reconcile them. Like a loving Father, He pleads with them to put away their idols, do justice again, and return to His loving arms.

1. When have you or someone close to you turned away from love—or even from a life or future that had been planned out?
2. What can cause someone to return to a person or place they’d once rejected?
3. How can a person be a prodigal son regarding the Lord?

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