

THE PARABLE OF THE SORROWING FAMILY

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A certain man of the seed of Abraham, took a wife of the daughters of Sarah and they walked in all the ways of the Lord blamelessly. These twain had two sons whom they brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, teaching them all things they should do to work out their own salvation and to build up the kingdom of Him whose servants they were. And it came to pass in due course that the two sons went forth to labor in the Lord's vineyard as seemed good unto them. The elder son took a wife of the chosen seed and bound her to him with everlasting ties according to the promises of God to Abraham their father. And the younger son went forth on a mission to win souls to Christ that he might have joy with them in the everlasting kingdom. After a few months the older son and his wife were killed in an accident and their bodies were laid in the tomb while their spirits went hand in hand into Abraham's bosom. At the same time the younger son, being enticed by lust fell into sin with an harlot and was cut off from the Lord's people and severed from the ordinances of his holy house. Now what think ye? For whom did the parents sorrow? Was it for him that died temporally or him that died spiritually?