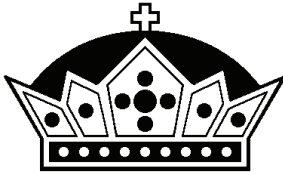


# WELCOME THE KING OF GLORY HE IS ROYAL IN CHARACTER!

*A Message Series Based on Psalm 24:9-10*



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# WELCOMING THE ROYAL REACH OF GOD Our All-Reaching King

*Fourth in the series “Welcome the King of Glory -  
He is Royal in Character!”*

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## INTRODUCTION

Luke 15:1-3

Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." 3 Then Jesus told them this parable:

### I. ACT ONE...

Luke 15:4-7

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he **joyfully** puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, '**Rejoice** with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more **rejoicing** in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

### II. ACT TWO...

Luke 15:8-10

“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, '**Rejoice** with me; I have found my lost coin.' 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is **rejoicing** in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

### III. ACT THREE...

#### Luke 15:11-24

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. 13 Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 17 When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' 20 So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21 The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and **celebrate**. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to **celebrate**.”

### IV. ACT FOUR...

#### Luke 15:25-32

Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 27 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' 28 The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' 31 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to **celebrate and be glad**, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'

#### Philemon 6

I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

### CONCLUSION