



“Behold, I will send to you Elijah, the prophet, before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD; and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to their children, and the heart of the children to their father, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.” Malachi 4:5 – 6

Out of our God’s father’s heart, He is waiting and longing for His prodigal children to return home. “But when *the prodigal son* was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck and kissed him.” (Luke 15:20).

Jesus Christ came to restore the prodigal – every prodigal – to the Father! The Lord is desirous that not one be lost (2 Peter 3:9), and so the task of the Holy Spirit is to woo the rebellious heart of man, calling him and drawing him to repentance and faith in God’s Son!

As God’s heart is toward us, so He longs for our heart to be toward Him and away from our sin, our lusts, and our rebellion!

Two final thoughts... God has always held you in His heart and in His thoughts – good thoughts! His thoughts are only to bless you, prosper you, and to give you a good future!

Upon what is your heart fixed? Upon what are your thoughts set?

Selah!

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