



Daily Devotion



“While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.” Luke 15:20

Thus it appears what a great, excellent thing Baptism is, which delivers us from the jaws of the devil and makes us God's own, suppresses and takes away sin, and then daily strengthens the new man... For this reason let everyone esteem his Baptism as a daily dress in which he is to walk constantly... But if any one fall away from it, let him again come into it. For just as Christ, the Mercy-seat, does not recede from us or forbid us to come to Him again, even though we sin, so all His treasure and gifts also remain. If, therefore, we have once in Baptism obtained forgiveness of sin, it will remain every day, as long as we live, that is, as long as we carry the old man about our neck.

Martin Luther

The prodigal son did not stop being a son after he rejected his father and left home. His father did not disown him, but kept watch for his return. And when he returned, his father forgave him completely. And so with us, no matter how far we have strayed from God, He is still our dear Father by virtue of our baptism. He daily longs for our return, even calling us back home to His mercy through His words of invitation. It is never too late for any sinner to return to his baptism. God wants all to be saved.

Dear Father, let me never stray from Your side. Yet when I do sin and fall away, continue to seek me in Your mercy, and return me to my baptism into Christ Jesus where there is always forgiveness for me. Amen.