

# *A God Who Runs*

## **Introduction:**

1. Have you ever day-dreamed about finding buried treasure?
2. (Proverbs 2:4-5) There are some things worth pursuing more than even gold!
3. We've all heard the expression, "There are some things money can't buy."
4. In this lesson, I want to share with you one of those things that is a "treasure greater than gold."

## **I. Running To and From God**

- A. When one thinks of running in the Bible, more often than not, they think of running as a response of man.
- B. Man is either running from God or he is running to God.
  1. Joppa and Jonah (Jonah 1:3).
  2. Joppa and Peter (Acts 10:23).

## **II. Consider the Value Of A God Who Runs**

- A. Luke 15:11-32.
- B. The parable of the "Prodigal Son" has several applications.
  1. There's the angle of the prodigal son to consider.
  2. There's the angle of the older brother to consider.
  3. There's the angle of the father to consider.
- C. In considering all three angles, the point about the father "running to his son" might not get the attention it deserves (Luke 15:20).
  1. (Philippians 3:12).
  2. (Acts 7:55).

## **Conclusion:**

1. Give thanks to God that He is a God who runs!
2. Someone needs to write a second verse to the children's song, "1-2-3 The Devil's After Me," and it ought to begin by saying, "1-2-3 The Lord is After Me!"
3. Do you need to return "home" today? If so, be assured that we serve a God who makes it easy to come home; a God who runs!

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