

Imagine yourself walking past the prodigal son sitting in the pigpen. (Luke 15:11-24) You look at him and see him salivating for the pigs' food. Believing that it is good to show kindness, you give him money to buy food for himself. That is human kindness which says, "I am a Christian. I should be kind, good and forgiving." Such human sweetness or kindness may be likened to honey. Significantly, while we elevate it, God tells His people *not* to bring Him a grain offering with honey in it.

The grain offering speaks of Jesus' life on Earth. Not mixing honey in the grain offering speaks of how the compassion and goodness we see in Jesus during His Earthly ministry were all divine. There was no 'honey' of human goodness, which is inevitably tainted with human weakness. In retrospect, the worst thing one could do for the prodigal son was to give him money when he was in the pigpen. Not only would he not have gone home, but what the Lord was doing in his soul and spirit would also have been spoiled. God does not want you to be moved by what you see, but rather by His Spirit. There were many needy people surrounding Jesus during His time on Earth. However, He did *not* heal every sick person around Him, feed every hungry stomach he passed, or raise all who were dead. Isaiah 11:2-3 tells us that the Lord was not moved by what He saw or heard, only by the Spirit.

As a believer you too have the Holy Spirit in you. (1 Corinthians 3:16) Be moved by Him. Follow the peace that He puts within your soul and spirit to do or refrain from doing something. That peace is the peace of God. Acting on that peace will cause God to be exalted, and His divine goodness and kindness to really be a blessing to you and others!

Leviticus 2:11 "No grain offering which you bring to the Lord shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey in any offering to the Lord made by fire."