

# Our True Home

“But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered,  
‘This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.’”

Luke 15:2 (NIV)

**M**eister Eckhart, a wise saint of another age, once said, *“God is home, it is we who have gone out for a walk.”*

It seems that humanity is suffering from a kind of amnesia. We don’t know our true identity.

Some people think of themselves as *“trouser-aped apes”*—as C.S. Lewis so aptly put it in his book, *The Abolition of Man*.

Others believe we’re *“economic animals”*—we’re born, we learn how to make money, we make money, we die, and then cease to exist.

Such tragic views make life cheap, pointless, and depressing.

The theory of biological evolution implies we have no personal worth or

significance as we’re nothing more than sophisticated animals. The Christian message, however, gives us a value beyond measure.

Scripture tells us that we’re made in the image of God.

It also states that He made us to be His companions—but have strayed from that privileged position. We’ve *“gone out for a walk”* as Eckhart has suggested.

The notion that we’re made in the image of God shows how remarkably precious we are to our Creator. We shouldn’t to do anything that interferes with our relationship with Him. However, when we do stray, He calls us back and offers forgiveness.

Have you humbled yourself to where you cease criticizing others and confess—as the publican of old—*“Lord be merciful to me a sinner.”*

(Luke 18:13)? He didn’t look around at others and seek to justify himself. He spoke as though there was only one sinner in the world—himself.

Regardless of how far you’ve wandered from your Creator, He welcomes you back to where you truly belong—in His family and presence.

Come like the man in Luke 18:13 and pray as he did—*“I don’t know about anyone else, but I certainly am a sinner.”*

That’s the attitude we need to have if we’re to gain anything from Jesus.

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