

Lost And Found

Lk. 14:35-15:7



Introduction

- “Unexpected” things in these parables:
 - The identity of the genuine hearers. (v. 1 → publicans and sinners. cf. 14:35)
 - The reaction of the “religious” folks. (v. 2 → scribes and Pharisees)
 - The heroes of the stories:
 - A shepherd. (Looked down on in 1st century Jewish society by the elites).
 - A woman. (Were not highly esteemed by society)
- Questions: Who are we in these accounts? What is our response to these lessons?

The Lost Sheep

- 4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?
- 5 And when he hath found *it*, he layeth *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing.
- 6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together *his* friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.
- 7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. (Lk. 15:4-7)



The Lost Coin

- 8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find *it*?
- 9 And when she hath found *it*, she calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.
- 10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.



Points of Emphasis From The Parables

- **The tragedy of a lost soul.**
 - Without Christ, having no hope, without God in the world. (Eph. 2:12)
 - Cast into outer darkness...weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matt. 25:30)
 - “...indignation and wrath, 9 Tribulation and anguish (Rom. 2:8-9)
- **God’s love and concern for the lost:**
 - From eternity: (I Pet. 1:18-20; II Tim. 1:9)
 - In sending Jesus: (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:6-8; Jn. 15:13)
 - In the gospel: (II Tim. 3:15; Rom. 1:16-17; 10:16-17)
 - In his longsuffering nature. (II Pet. 3:9)

Points of Emphasis From The Parables

- **What is my attitude toward the lost?**
 - Hatred? Indifference? Welcome when they come?
Actively seeking? (Mk. 16:15-16; Rom. 10:1-3; 1:13)
 - Do I need to raise my spiritual sights? (Col. 3:1-2,5; Jn. 4:35-36)
 - Do I need to broaden my “prospect” list? (Jn. 4; I Cor. 6:9-11)
 - Do I need to get leave my “comfort” zone? (Acts 15:26; 8:1-4)
- **What brings to me the greatest joy?** (I Pet. 1:6; Phil. 4:1; II Jn. 4; III Jn. 4)
- **The value of a single soul.**
 - **Matt. 16:26** → For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

- My List:

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