



## Luke 15:3-10

### 1• Parable of the Lost Sheep (15:3-7)

#### What does it say?

When one sheep out of an hundred is lost, the shepherd out and looks for it. Undoubtedly there are other hundred sheep while he is looking for the sheep, but the lost sheep focus of his energies. When found the shepherd rejoices.



#### What does it mean?

The repentant have hope to be found, but the self-righteous are in great danger of not ever being rescued.

**Only the lost can be found!**

Is it not possible that a person who has become “self-qualified” by being a good Jew would not sense the need to speak about repentance and therefore would always feel awkward around the subject? It is easy to see how pride insulates the ‘self-righteous’ from the need for repentance, and how it is difficult for them receive anyone that comes in that way.

How are we to speak to our children who grow up in the church?

How do we prevent our churches from becoming religious centers with people full of pride and empty of humility?

#### What does it mean to us?

- We need to be concerned with the lost!
- We need to focus more energies on bringing more people into this salvation of Christ less they perish.
- We need to make sure that we are “saved.”
- We need to make sure that the church doesn’t slide to legalism in which it focuses more on how they fit in with one another than entering into God’s kingdom.

### 2• Parable of the Lost Coin (15:8-10)

This parable is so similar to the former that one wonders why Jesus said it. Perhaps he was trying to communicate to the ones who had enough money to save coins. Perhaps he was using repetition to emphasize His crucial message.

#### The Lostness

One silver coin out of ten was lost. It’s value is 10% rather than 1% as it was with the sheep.

#### The Diligent Search

Notice her diligence:

- \* Lights a lamp
- \* Sweeps the house
- \* Searches until found

#### The Rejoicing

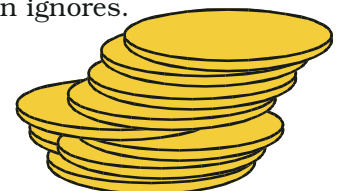
Her joy is great enough to share her joy with her neighbors. She can’t keep it in. 10% of her savings was found.

#### The Lesson

The angels were real glad to see a sinner repent. So should we be.

Note: Rarity increases value! The lost one seemingly has more value than the secure ones. And although it demands more energy than the others to find it, the search is considered worthwhile.

We must understand that the angels were not rejoicing over the presence of a person who thought himself to be religious but over a repentant sinner. God looks for things man ignores.



**Do you consider yourself to be religious or repentant?**