

“The Parable of the Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son” 5/16/10

Luke 15:1-32

*Actors in Drama	Lost Sheep	Lost Coin	Lost Son
Jesus/God	Shepherd	Woman	Father
Irreligious sinners	lost sheep	lost coin	lost son
Pharisees	ninety-nine	the nine	the older brother

POINT 1- The parable of the lost sheep demonstrates God’s PERSONAL LOVE

- A. The shepherd takes full responsibility for the lost sheep (Isaiah 53:6)
 - i) He accepts responsibility for the loss (John 18:9)
 - ii) He searches without counting the cost
 - iii) He rejoices in the burden/cost of restoring the sheep (Hebrews 12:2)
 - iv) He rejoices with the community at the restoration of the sheep

Pharisees had groups in the villages called “friends”

where are the other 99 left? **IN THE WILDERNESS!**

Going God wants us as lost sheep to accept our lostness and the opportunity to
Deeper be found by the good shepherd!

POINT 2- The parable of the lost coin demonstrates God’s PERSISTENT LOVE

- A. If there is joy over a lost coin, shouldn’t there be joy of a lost tax-collector? (remember 15:1-3)

“Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (Luke 15:10)

We have seen 1 in 100 lost, 1 in 10 lost, and now 1 out of 2!

Going God wants us to know that He eagerly seeks us to be found!
Deeper

POINT 3- The parable of the lost son demonstrates God’s PASSIONATE LOVE

Possession versus disposition (complete control); KEZAZAH- the cutting off
WHY DON’T WE COME BACK HOME?

- A. This parable teaches us that we have the opportunity to come to our senses and be received back in the arms of a loving heavenly Father.
- B. There is sin, broken fellowship, cost paid, restoration, fellowship, feast!

Going God wants us to rest in His love for us and the lost!
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