PARABLES OF JESUS

Luke 15:1-32

- These parables were told in response to a complaint of the Pharisees and scribes (Luke 15:1-2).
- "This man receives sinners and eats with them."
- The lesson is the same in each parable.
- Each shows the joy found in heaven when a sinner repents and turns back to God.

THE LOST SHEEP (VSS. 1-7)

- This parable is about a man who had a flock of 100 sheep.
- One of the sheep was lost and needed to be found.
- The shepherd left the 99 sheep which were safe and found the one that was lost.
- "When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing" (vs. 5).

THE LOST SHEEP (VSS. 1-7)

- Everyone rejoiced when the man found the one sheep which was lost!
- This parable demonstrates the infinite value of a single soul.
- It declares emphatically that every single soul has great value in the eyes of God.
- While it is true that Jesus died for the whole world (John 3:16), don't ever forget that Jesus also died for you!

THE LOST COIN (VSS.8-10)

- This parable has the same point as the previous.
- A woman lost a valuable coin. She did everything she could to find it.
- When it was found, she rejoiced! She even threw a party!

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- "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

- Luke 19:10

- This is also commonly called "The Prodigal Son."
- A father has two sons. We are introduced first to the youngest son.
- He seems to be immature, impatient, and ultimately wasteful.

- He asked for his inheritance early.
- Once he receives it, he goes to a far away country. There his passions run wild!
- He wasted his inheritance on sinful living.
- Eventually, the money ran out. When a famine occurred, he became impoverished.

- He realized what a fool he had been.
- "He came to his senses."
- He realized that he had it better when he lived with his father.
- Even his father's servants lived better than his current condition.

- He made up his mind to go to his father, confess his sin against him and heaven. He would also plead to become a hired servant.
- The father saw his son coming afar and ran out to meet him.
- To the younger brother's surprise, his father welcomed him home with great joy.

The father's reaction is contrasted with the older brother (vss. 25-30).

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