

The Parables of Jesus

Lesson Nine – Parable of the Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son Handout

Parables of Luke 15

I. The Players

- a. Jesus
- b. The tax collectors and sinners
 - i. Those who gathered and had “ears to hear”.
- c. The Pharisees and the teachers of the law.
 - i. Had ears but could not/would not hear.

“When a man is one of the People of the Land, entrust no money to him, take no testimony from him, trust him with no secret, do not appoint him guardian of an orphan, do not make him custodian of charitable funds, do not accompany him on a journey.”

“There is joy before God when those who provoke Him perish from the world.”

II. The Parables

- a. There are similarities between the three parables:
 - i. Something of _____ has been lost.
 - ii. A collective _____ when it was found.
- b. Although similar and they have the same intended result, they are different in that they address different aspects of that result.
 - i. The Lost Sheep – _____
 - ii. The Lost Coin – the _____
 - iii. The Lost Son(s) – the _____
- c. Follows the Parable of the Great Banquet in Luke 14.

III. Luke 15:3–7 – The Parable of the Lost Sheep

- a. “Suppose one of you...”

- i. Gets their _____ and lets them know He is _____ of their conversation.
- b. "...has a hundred sheep..."
 - i. _____ ...shepherds were "People of the land."
- c. "...loses one..."
 - i. A 1% loss.
 - ii. The loss of the one is due to the _____ of the sheep wandering.
 - iii. The sheep knew it was _____.
- d. "...there will be more rejoicing..."
 - i. A contrast to what they have said and heard.

IV. Luke 15:8–10 – The Parable of the Lost Coin

- a. "or suppose a woman..."
 - i. Even though not necessarily a Person of the Land, still considered _____ or less than.

"Praised are you, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the universe, who did not make me a gentile.

Praised are you, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the universe, who did not make me a slave,

Praised are you, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the universe, who did not make me a woman."

- b. "...ten silver coins and loses one..."
 - i. The coin did not get itself lost but it was due to _____.
 - ii. Easy to lose a coin on a dirt floor covered with straw or made of loose-fitting stones.
 - iii. The coin is still in the house (fold).
 - iv. The lost coin now represents 10%
 - v. A possibility is the coin was part of a _____ made of 10 silver coins and silver chain.

- vi. Jewish homes were typically very dark, lit only by as small window.
- c. "...lights a lamp, sweep the house..."
 - i. _____, _____, time-consuming _____.

V. The Parable Lessons

- a. God deems us _____ valuable.
- b. We are so valuable that He goes to _____ to find us.
- c. Once He does, there is a _____ is His presence when even a 0.0000000000% is found.

VI. Luke 15:11–32 – The Parable of the Lost Son (Loving Father)

- a. The Players
 - i. The Father – God
 - ii. The Youngest Son – the sinners and the tax collectors.
 - iii. The Older Brother – the Pharisees and the teachers of the law.
- b. Luke 15:11
 - i. "There was a man..."
 - 1. Took away their _____ not to listen.
- c. Luke 15:12
 - i. "Father, give me..."
 - 1. He would receive a third of the estate.
 - a. The oldest son got 2 shares so in this case two thirds.
 - 2. To receive his inheritance, his father, in most cases, would have to be _____.
 - a. "I no longer want you in my life, you are dead to me."
 - ii. "...he divided his property between them."
 - 1. They _____ got their share.
- d. Luke 15:13
 - i. "...all he had..."
 - 1. Everything he owned.
 - a. Not planning on ever _____.

- ii. "...set off for a distant country...."
 - iii. Unlike the sheep, who absent mindedly wandered off, or the coin that was lost due to circumstances beyond its control, the son made the _____ to "get lost."
 - iv. "...squandered..."
 - 1. Lost it all because of poor _____.
- e. Luke 15:14
 - i. "...there was a severe famine..."
 - 1. No means of finding a _____.
- f. Luke 15:15
 - i. "...hired himself out to...feed pigs."
 - 1. Nothing more _____ to a Jew.
 - a. The Pharisees- that's what he deserves.
 - b. The sinners – That's how we're treated.
- g. Luke 15:16
 - i. "...longed to fill..."
 - 1. Would have made him _____.
 - ii. "...but no one gave him anything."
 - 1. He could not get what he needed from anyone else.
- h. Luke 15:17-19
 - i. "...came to his senses..."
 - 1. "I could have had a V-8"
 - ii. "...and say..."
 - 1. "Father. I have sinned..."
 - a. _____
 - 2. "I am no longer..."
 - a. _____
 - 3. "Make me..."
 - a. _____

i. Luke 15:20

i. "So he got up..."

1. Acknowledgment and acceptance turned to _____.

ii. "...a long way off, his father saw him..."

1. How?

a. He had been _____ for him to return.

iii. "...he ran..."

1. Publicly _____

iv. "...threw his arms around him..."

1. Literally means to "_____".

v. "...and kissed him."

1. _____ action.

vi. WHY????

1. "...was filled with _____."

j. Luke 15:21

i. What did he not say?

ii. Why?

k. Luke 15:22-24

i. "...best robe..."

1. Important _____ member

ii. "...and put it on him..."

1. Sign of _____

iii. "...ring...sandals..."

1. Indicates he is a _____

iv. "...fattened calf..."

1. Previously prepared _____ the return.

v. The Pharisees – "YOU'VE GOT IT ALL _____!!!"

vi. The sinners – "Is this _____?"

l. Luke 15:25-27

- i. There is rejoicing when one repents.
- m. Luke 15:28
 - i. "...became angry..."
 - 1. Why?
 - ii. "...the father went out..."
 - 1. He went _____ for both sons.
- n. Luke 15:29-30
 - i. "...slaving...never disobeyed you..."
 - 1. Notice that the father doesn't deny the claims of service nor chastise him for the assumption that he earned the father's favor.
 - ii. "...this son of yours..."
 - 1. Will not acknowledge as his _____.
 - 2. He was angry that his father _____ sinners and his sin was he _____.
 - iii. Luke 15:31-32
 - 1. "...always with me..."
 - a. God always honors _____.
 - b. It is His _____ that the Pharisees come to celebration.

VII. The Parable Lessons

- a. Only God can take you from the _____ to the _____.
- b. _____
 - i. When pressure is applied to container, it is the only contents of said container is what comes out of the container.
- c. Are we _____ because of whom God celebrates?
- d. God wants none to parish.
- e. THERE IS GRACE FOR THE _____, THE _____ AND THE _____