

“The Parables # 6”

Luke 15: 1 – 7 and 8 - 10

(Parable of the lost sheep and the lost coin)

- During this Christmas season we need to understand why Jesus came.
- Came to seek and to save that which is lost.
- Also, we need to understand what it is that brings Joy to Jesus and the Father.

Luke 19:9-10 **“And Jesus said to him,** *today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*

V's 1-3 (Text - Read)

- Jesus spoke this parable because the religious people were upset because Jesus takes time to speak and to eat with sinners
- V2... **“This man receives (Welcomes) sinners and eats with them”**

Romans 5:8 *“God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

V's 4-7 (The Parable)

- **“Rejoice with me,** *for I have found my sheep which was lost... likewise there will be more joy in heaven* **over one sinner who repents.”**

William Barclay: *(Commentary on this parable)*

“There is a wonderful thought here. It is the truly tremendous truth that God is kinder than man. The orthodox would write off the tax collectors and the sinners as being beyond the pale and as deserving of nothing but destruction. Not so God.

Men may give up hope on a sinner. Not so God. *God loves the folk who never stray away; but in His heart there is a Joy of joys when one is found and comes home; and it would be a thousand times easier to come back to God than to come home to the bleak criticism of men."*

V's 8-10

- **Some background...** Woman in Jesus day wore a frontlet on their brow called a *semedi*. It was made up of 10 coins signifying a woman's betrothal or marriage relationship.
- A loss of one coin from the frontlet would be traumatic.
- Akin to losing a wedding ring today.

I remember when I went to the Trekana Tribe in Africa for the first time...

V10 *"Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents"*

- *The Joy of the Lord is my strength...*
- *What is the Lords Joy?? (Heavens Joy)*

Psalms 16:11 (ESV) *"You make known to me the path of life; in your presents there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore"*

Question:... *What Is the path of life?*

- **What is a path? A road?**
- **It's a way... that leads to a destination.**
- **Jesus said...** *"I am the Way (path), the Truth, and the Life."*