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Jesus Teaches God's Love for Sinners
Luke 15

Much of the thinking of the religious Jews at the time of Jesus was _____ to God's heart and mind. In this incident, Jesus gently _____ the listening sinners and _____ The grumbling Pharisees and scribes with three parables. As 21st-century believers, we can be encouraged by God's great love for us and instructed to _____ and seek _____ the lost, following God's example.

I. The Setting

"Then drew near unto him _____ the publicans and sinners for to _____ him. 2And the Pharisees and scribes murmured (Lit. - _____), saying, This man receiveth (Lit. - _____) sinners, and eateth with them." Luke 15:1-2

"publicans and sinners" –

"Pharisees and scribes" –

"This man" – Jesus –

Three Parables for the Crowd

Who is in the Crowd? –

Lessons for the Crowd –

1. Man's Condition – Lost, Separated from God, in Need of Repentance –

2. God's Compassion – Value and Seek Man –

3. God's Joy – Restoration of men to Him –

II. The Lost Sheep - _____ Sheep

"And he spake this parable unto them, saying, [4]What _____ of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose _____ of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? [5]And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, _____. [6]And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, _____ with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost." Luke 15:3-6

Cultural Setting –

"Rejoice with me; for I have found" –

Jesus' Application:

"I say unto you, that _____ joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that _____, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." Luke 15:7

"joy shall be in heaven" –

"just persons, which need no repentance" –

III. The Lost Coin - _____ Woman

"Either what _____ having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not _____ a candle, and _____ the house, and _____ diligently till she find it? [9]And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbors together, saying, _____ with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost." Luke 15:8-9

Cultural Setting –

"Rejoice with me; for I have found" –

Jesus' Application:

"_____, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that _____." Luke 15:10

"joy in the presence of the angels of God" –

IV. The Lost Sons - _____ Father

Scene 1:

"And he said, A certain man had _____ sons: [12]And the younger of them said to his father, Father, _____ me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. [13]And not many days after the younger son _____ all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted (Lit. - _____) his substance with riotous living." Luke 15:11-13

Cultural Setting –

lack of self-control + money + time + availability + no morals = ***Sensual Living***

Scene 2:

"And when he had spent _____, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. [15]And he went and joined (Lit. - _____) himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. [16]And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and _____ man gave unto him. [17]And when he came to himself (Lit. - _____), he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! [18]I _____ arise and go to my father, and _____ say unto him, Father, I have _____ against heaven, and before thee, [19]And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants." Luke 15:14-19

Cultural Setting –

all assets were _____ → localized _____ → fell behind _____ → attached himself to pig farmer for _____ → all lines of _____ exhausted →Even the pig food looked _____ →BUT no one _____ him anything!

Scene 3:

"And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father _____ him, and had _____, and _____, and _____ on his neck, and _____ him. [21]And the son said unto him, Father, I have _____ against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. [22]_____ the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best _____, and put it on him; and put a _____ on his hand, and _____ on his feet: [23]And bring hither the fatted _____, and kill it; and let us eat, and be _____: [24]For this my son was _____, and is _____ again; he was _____ and is _____. And they began to be merry." Luke 15:20-24

Cultural Setting –

Father's Reaction –

Son's Repentance –

Servant's Responsibilities –

Everyone Rejoices

Scene 4:

"Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he _____ music and dancing. 26And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. 27And he said unto him, Thy brother is _____; and thy father hath _____ the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. 28And he was _____, and would not go _____: therefore came his father _____, and intreated (Lit. - _____) him. 29And he answering said to his father, Lo, these _____ years do I serve (Lit. - _____) thee, neither transgressed I at _____ time thy commandment: and yet thou _____ gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: 30But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. 31And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and _____ that I have is thine. 32It was meet (Lit. - _____) that we should make merry, and be _____: for this thy brother was _____, and is _____ again; and was _____, and is _____."
Luke 15:25-32

Cultural Setting –

Elder Son's Reaction –

Father's Reaction –

Missing Resolution –

Believers' Application:

1. Man's Condition – Lost, Separated from God, in Need of Repentance –

2. God's Compassion – Value and Seek Man –

3. God's Joy – Restoration of men to Him –

Our Response -