

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, ⁴What _____ 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? ⁵And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, _____. ⁶And 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? ⁹And 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: ¹²And 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. ¹³And 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 + opportunity + 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. ¹⁵And he went and joined (Lit. - _____) himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and _____ man gave unto him. ¹⁷And 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! ¹⁸I _____ arise and go to my father, and _____ say unto him, Father, I have _____ against heaven, and before thee, ¹⁹And 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!

Remembered the hired _____ at home → Compared their plenty with his _____
→ Resolved to _____ to his father and say → “I have sinned against _____, and before _____”
→ I “am no more worthy to be called thy _____: make me as one of thy hired servants.”

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. ²¹And 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:

²³And bring hither the fatted _____, and kill it; and let us eat, and be _____: ²⁴For 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 -