

Observations on “Lost and Found” Parables (Luke 15)

Two Groups Contrasted

1. P_____ - (self-righteous, not truly righteous) - 99 sheep, 9 coins, elder brother
2. S_____ (truly repentant) - lost sheep, coin, son

Two Other Verses

1. Luke 14:35 - note t_____ who h_____
2. Matthew 9:9-13 _____

Two Main Lessons

1. God l_____ seeks out and r_____ over the lost who are found (Isaiah 62:1-5, Zephaniah 3:17, Jeremiah 32:36-41).
2. Self-righteous individuals show the h_____ of their h_____ by refusing to r_____ and by refusing to r_____ over sinners who do repent (elder brother, Jonah).

Additional Comments on the Lost Sheep

1. Jesus is in the region of P_____ beyond the Jordan River where many s_____ tended their f_____.
2. This image of s_____ and s_____ is a frequent i_____ in the Old Testament (Psalm 23, Ezekiel 34, Isaiah 40:9-11)
3. The word m_____ in verse 7 is inserted in most translations but l_____ in Greek. A better addition might be the word r_____.
4. Jesus is using i_____ when identifying the P_____ as righteous here (Matthew 9:13).

Additional Comments on the Lost Coin

1. A caution from Augustine: do not o_____ a p_____.
2. The coin was worth a d_____ w_____ for a p_____ woman.
3. It required a l_____, h_____ look to find the coin on the dirt floor.