

Today, we'd like to see the title of "Lost One" in the book of Luke 15:1-32

To Online Word's people on the earth, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions.

Q1. In verse 2, "And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them," why did they complain to Jesus? And why did Jesus receive sinners and eat with them? And what was each consequence of Jesus and Sinners?

Q2. In verse 3, "So He spoke this parable to them, saying," why did Jesus speak this parable, rather than its direct spiritual meaning, to the Pharisees and Scribes? And what is each spiritual meaning of the 3 parables in this chapter?

Q3. In verse 28, "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him," whose representative was he? And why was he angry? What were his problems?

(Background)

(Luke 14:33-35). So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. (Don't put anything before the Lord. Don't love anything else more than or equal to God. Further, don't love money.) ³⁴ "Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? ³⁵ It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, *but* men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" (We as Christians should be (1) a flavor influence into the world – such as joy, peace, love, or grace; (2) be a preservative influence in the world to keep purity & righteousness from rotting, like its preservative to kill surface bacteria of food, (3) be a thirsty influence into the world to be thirsty of the Spirit, like its thirst of water after eating a salty food.)

(1-7) A lost sheep

(8-10) A lost coin

(11-32) A lost son

(Text)

<p>¹Then <u>all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him.</u></p> <p>² And <u>the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.”</u></p> <p>³ So He spoke <u>this parable to them</u>, saying:</p> <p>⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and <u>go after the one which is lost</u> until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has <u>found it</u>, he lays <u>it</u> on his shoulders, <u>rejoicing</u>. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together <u>his friends and neighbors</u>, saying to them, ‘<u>Rejoice with me</u>, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ ⁷ I say to you that <u>likewise</u> there will be <u>more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.</u></p>	<p>(1-7) A lost sheep</p> <p>1= all the tax collectors (publicans, the people degraded by Jews) and the sinners; drew near to Him; to hear Him (in order to hear Him, they came to Jesus ¹Rom 10:17)</p> <p>2= Q1 the Pharisees and scribes complained (The disease transfer in OT was developed in the form of custom to sin transfer, e.g. leper, carcass ²Lev 11:28); This Man receives sinners and eats with them (to eat with somebody is to become one body—another custom developed by the Pharisees—why Jesus did so? To clean/to save ³Mat 8:2-3; ⁴Luke 19:8-10)</p> <p>3=Q2 this parable to them (because they, the natural men, could not understand the spiritual meaning – meaning from the Spirit of God, not of flesh/ world/ devil – in the parable which is in natural realm ⁴1 Cor 2:14; ⁵Mark 4:11-12; the 3 parables as follows)</p> <p>4= go after the one which is lost (a parable from agrarian society, where most audiences lived – one lost sheep! Go after, i.e. seek or search, so the spiritual meaning is seeking shepherd – seeking God, especially Jesus Christ ⁵Luke 19:10; ⁶John 10:11)</p> <p>5= found it.... Rejoicing (Rejoicing is the natural response when the shepherd found it)</p> <p>6= his friends and neighbors... rejoice with me (his friends and neighbors were harmony with the heart of the shepherd, by rejoicing – How about the Pharisees and scribes?)</p> <p>7= likewise... more joy in heaven (Jesus’ joy) over one sinner who repents (one who is saved --- that’s why Jesus receives sinners and eats with them in order to save even one); than over 99 just persons who need no repentance (already saved 99 persons)</p>
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¹ Rom 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

² Lev 11:28 Whoever carries any such carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening. It is unclean to you.

³ Mat 8:2-3 And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”

⁴ Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁵ Luke 19:8-10 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.” ⁶ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; ⁷ for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

⁸ 1 Cor 2:14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned; ⁹ Mark 4:11-12 And He said to them, “To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, ¹⁰ so that ‘Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And their sins be forgiven them.’”

¹¹ Luke 19:10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost”; ¹² John 10:11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

<p>⁸ “Or what woman, having <u>ten silver coins</u>, <u>if she loses one coin</u>, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and <u>search carefully</u> until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she <u>calls her friends and neighbors together, saying</u>, ‘<u>Rejoice with me</u>, for I have found the piece which I lost!’ ¹⁰ Likewise, I say to you, there is <u>joy in the presence of the angels of God</u> over one sinner who repents.”</p> <p>¹¹ Then He said: “A certain man had <u>two sons</u>.</p> <p>¹² And <u>the younger of them</u> said to <i>his</i> father, ‘Father, give me <u>the portion of goods</u> that falls to <i>me</i>.’ So <u>he divided to them his livelihood</u>.</p> <p>¹³ And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there <u>wasted his possessions with prodigal living</u>. ¹⁴ But <u>when he had spent all</u>, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be <u>in want</u>. ¹⁵ Then he went and joined himself to a <u>citizen of that country</u>, and he sent him <u>into his fields to feed swine</u>.</p> <p>¹⁶ And he <u>would gladly</u> have filled his stomach with <u>the pods that the swine ate</u>, <u>and no one gave him anything</u>.</p> <p>¹⁷ “But when <u>he came to himself</u>, he said, ‘How many of <u>my father’s hired servants have bread enough</u> and to spare, and <u>I perish with hunger!</u>’</p>	<p>(8-10) <i>A lost coin</i></p> <p>8= ten silver coins (one silver coin called the Greek drachma, which was a whole day’s wage); if she loses one coin... search carefully (the spiritual meaning is searching God – the Holy Spirit ⁶ 1 Cor 2:10); calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, Rejoice (they are harmony with the finder’s heart)</p> <p>10= joy in the presence of the angels of God (together joy) over one sinner who repents (over one who is saved --- that’s why Jesus receives sinners and eats with them to save even one)</p> <p>(11-32) <i>A lost son</i></p> <p>11= 2 sons</p> <p>12= the younger of them (2nd son); the portion of goods (1/3 at the death of his father ⁷ Deut 21:15-17); he divided to them his livelihood (his father gave the 1/3 to the 2nd son before his father dies, so that the 2nd son has no residual at all.)</p> <p>13= wasted his possessions with prodigal [riotous] living (he wasted all with wild life)</p> <p>14= he had spent all... in want (in lack or need)</p> <p>15= a citizen of that country (he had a citizenship of the foreign country); into his field to feed swine (he had a job to feed swine the unclean animal in OT, what a degraded job to the Pharisees and scribes, who kept OT of letter! ⁸ Deut 14:8)</p> <p>16= would gladly have filled (hypothetical sentence)... the pods that the swine ate (What the most degraded thought to the Pharisees and scribes!); and (but) no one gave him anything.</p> <p>17-19 (<i>the heart – deep thought about in combination of knowing, feeling, and willing – of repentance</i>)</p> <p>17= he came to himself (he woke up by himself, exercising his free will – neither force nor duress by the father); my father’s hired servants have bread enough... I perish with hunger (knowing heart)</p>
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⁶ 1 Cor 2:10 But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

⁷ Deut 21:15-17-“If a man has two wives, one loved and the other unloved, and they have borne him children, *both* the loved and the unloved, and *if* the firstborn son is of her who is unloved, ¹⁶ then it shall be, on the day he bequeaths his possessions to his sons, *that* he must not bestow firstborn status on the son of the loved wife in preference to the son of the unloved, the *true* firstborn. ¹⁷ But he shall acknowledge the son of the unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he *is* the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn *is* his.

⁸ Deut 14:8 Also the swine is unclean for you, because it has cloven hooves, yet *does* not *chew* the cud; you shall not eat their flesh or touch their dead carcasses.

<p><u>18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”</u></p> <p><u>20 “And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.</u></p> <p><u>21 And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’</u></p> <p><u>22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. ²³ And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; ²⁴ for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.</u></p> <p><u>25 “Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’</u></p>	<p>18= I will arise and go to my father(willing heart, and will say to him (he convicts himself to his father – feeling heart); sinned against heaven (God) and before you (his father)</p> <p>19= I am no longer worthy to be called your son (totally depraved one; wretched one). Make me like one of your hired servants (knowing/ feeling heart is shown)</p> <p>20= he arose and came to his father (his action or work follows his repentant heart); when he was still a great way off, his father saw him (his father waited for him to repent his sins and to come back to his father, not forcing or depressing him); compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him (his father has love, accepting what he was, even filthy swine smelled one – loving God, especially God the Father ⁹1 John 4:10)</p> <p>21= I have sinned against heaven and in your sight (he confessed sin ¹⁰1 John 1:9); no longer worthy to be called your son (son status is undeserved one; unmerited one)</p> <p>22= best robe... a ring... sandals (the father accepted him as his son – all Christians are accepted as the children of God ¹¹Rom 8:15)</p> <p>23= the fatted calf... let us eat and be merry (all together are joyful with the father; all Christians are joyful with God for a saved one)</p> <p>24=my son was dead (in sin, prodigal living) and is alive again (in his family and his relationship with the father – God is GRACIOUS ¹²Eph 2:8-9)</p>
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⁹ 1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

¹⁰ 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹¹ Rom 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out. “Abba. Father.”

¹² Eph 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

<p>28 “<u>But he was angry</u> and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and <u>pleaded with him</u>.</p> <p>29 So he answered and said to <i>his</i> father, ‘Lo, these many years <u>I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time</u>; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. 30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has <u>devoured your livelihood with harlots</u>, you killed the fatted calf for him.’</p> <p>31 “And he said to him, ‘Son, <u>you are always with me, and all that I have is yours</u>. 32 It was <u>right</u> that we should make <u>merry</u> and be <u>glad</u>, for your brother was <u>dead</u> and is <u>alive again</u>, and was <u>lost</u> and is <u>found</u>.’”</p>	<p>28=Q3 he was angry (first son, the representative of the Pharisees and scribes, who kept the father’s commandment of the letter, (1) not of the Spirit, ¹³ 2 Cor 3:4-6; he was (2) not harmony with the father’s heart ¹⁴ Acts 13:22; 2 Chron 16:9; (3) works of the flesh -- outbursts of wrath ¹⁵ Gal 5:19-21); pleaded with him (reasoned with him)</p> <p>29= I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time (that’s true, but of the letter, not of the spirit)</p> <p>31= you are always with me, and all that I have is yours (that’s true because all the left 2/3 was the first son’s at the death of his father)</p> <p>32= right... merry... glad... dead... alive... lost... found (dead/lost – no merit; alive/found – freely given favor; right to merry and glad – because of GRACE)</p>
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¹³ 2 Cor 3:4-6 And we have such trust through Christ toward God. ⁵ Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as *being* from ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* from God, ⁶ who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

¹⁴ Acts 13:22 And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the *son* of Jesse, a man after My *own* heart, who will do all My will.’ 2 Chron 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.”

¹⁵ Gal 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.