

The Parable of the Lost Coin (Luke 15: 8-10)

Last Sunday we began by looking at the context of Jesus' three parables
Pharisees angry with Jesus because sinners & tax collectors came to Him
They sought to insult Jesus "This man receives sinners & eats with them"
In this context Jesus tells them three parables that expose their hearts

1. About shepherd seeking a lost sheep (shepherds unclean) (vv3-7)
2. A woman seeking a coin (insulted them: think like a woman) (vv8-10)
3. A prodigal son returns to his father after wicked living (vv.11-32)

I. Something Lost (15:8)

Silver coin "drachma" possibly a day's wages – not very much money

Women valued the coin: likely poor, not much money, could be dowry.

The value the woman placed on the coin, God values the lost sinner

- a. We are truly lost and helpless like the silver coin
- b. The diligent search

III. The Joy of Being Found (15:9-10)

- Vs 10 is almost a repeat of the words in v 7 without the comparison
- Vs 10 ref to angels: shows God's joy in heaven over salvation of sinners
- God takes such joy in the salvation of sinners all heaven shares it
- For this reason, Jesus came "the joy set before Him" Heb 12: 2
- How contrary to the Pharisees who shunned sinners, all of heaven rejoices with God over the salvation of sinners