## =FAVORITE BIBLE CHAPTERS= Lesson 2 Luke 15

Jesus had been talking to sinners and trying to help them. The Pharisees began to murmur against Him in Luke 15:1 and 2.

Luke 15:1 Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.

2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

They criticized Him because He received sinners and ate with them.

To refute this attack, He gives the parable of the sheep, the parable of the lost coin, and the parable of the lost son, showing the world His love for sinners and His desire for them to come back to Himself.

THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

1. In the Bible unsaved people are called "\_\_\_\_\_\_."

2. Far too often we liken the lost sheep to the \_\_\_\_\_\_ who has lost their way. But that is not true.

3. The shepherd left the \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the wilderness.

Luke 15:4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

4. The shepherd went to get the \_\_\_\_\_\_

The word "go" in Luke 15:4. He did not "invite" the lost sheep home; he went to "get" him; he "sought" him.

5. This is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ of personal soul winning.

- 6. We are not only to \_\_\_\_\_\_ sinners to come to our church and come to Christ; we are to \_\_\_\_\_\_ seek them and bring them to Christ.
- 7. The shepherd \_\_\_\_\_\_ until the sheep was found.

8. The shepherd \_\_\_\_\_\_ the sheep on his shoulders and carried him back.

Luke 15:5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

9. This is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of salvation; there is no "holding on"; there is complete security.

10. The shepherd \_\_\_\_\_! Luke 15:6. He said to his friends and neighbors, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost."

There is more joy over one sinner that repents "than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." How vital it is for us to be after the lost!

## THE PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN.

1. A woman had \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of silver.

2. These were coins worn on a \_\_\_\_\_\_ to a chain, making either a frontlet for her head or a necklace to be worn around her neck.

3. It was given by the \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the lady at marriage, much like a wedding ring.

4. These 10 coins were attached to each other and worn around the neck near the heart picturing the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ for us.

5. The woman had lost \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the coins. This is much like a lady today losing her wedding ring.

6. She \_\_\_\_\_ a candle. Luke 15:8. Why should she light a candle? The house was dark. That's where lost people are.

7. She \_\_\_\_\_\_ until the coin was found. The words, "till she find it," in Luke 15:8.

8. There was \_\_\_\_\_! Luke 15:9, 10. This is like unto the joy in verse 7.

## THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SON.

1. One of the most \_\_\_\_\_\_ things about this story is the son who stayed at home. When the prodigal son returned home, he got all the attention.

2. The son who stayed home became \_\_\_\_\_\_ and said that he had never left. Why didn't he get the attention?

3. Back to the first part of this chapter. Remember, the Pharisees were \_\_\_\_\_\_Jesus for paying so much attention to sinners.

4. Now this son who stayed at home is acting like the \_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Our Lord is teaching them a lesson, and He likens them to this \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Notice how much the Lord loves the \_\_\_\_\_.

These are the ones who are represented by the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost boy.

These are the ones Jesus loves the most. Remember, He was interested in a Mary Magdalene, possessed of seven devils; a wicked Zacchæus, who was hated by all; the thief on the cross, who was dying because of his crime; and others.

Our Lord loved sinners. He received sinners. May we do likewise!