



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 14: (NAS)

Topic: ""

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- 1 Now all the tax collectors and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him.
- 2 Both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."
- 3 So He told them this parable, saying,
- 4 "What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?"
- 5 "When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.
- 6 "And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'
- 7 "I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
- 8 "Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?"
- 9 "When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!'
- 10 "In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

I. FOCUSING ON THE CONTEXT

- A. The Word So Indicates The Reason For The Parable
- B. Jesus Was Spending Time With Sinners
- C. The Scribes And Pharisees Chided Him For This

II. JESUS' RESPONSE

- A. He Acknowledged Their Accusations To Be True
- B. He Defended His Actions

III. BIBLICAL DESCRIPTION FOR THOSE APART FROM

- A. Does Not Use The Term Unsaved
- B. Term For Unbelief Is Lost *Ephesians 2:12*

1. Hopeless

2. Helpless

C. Lost Sheep

1. Are in great danger from predators
2. Sheep have no sense of direction
3. We are the sheep that the shepherd must find *John 6:44-45*
4. We have dangerous enemies who deceive us *II Corinthians 4:4*

IV. WHO DOES THE SEEKING

- A. Not The Lamb
- B. Not The Coin
- C. The Shepherd (woman) *Luke 19:10*
- D. God Is The Initiator *Ephesians 1:4-6; Romans 5:8-10*
- E. Out God Went To Great Cost *Romans 8:32; Mark 10:45*

V. RESPONSE

- A. Should Engender Gratitude
- B. Should Give A Heart For The Lost
 1. Great joy when the lost come to Christ
 2. Great desire to share the gospel