

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#60 – “The Story of Lost and Found” – Luke 15:8-10

I. Introduction

A. Our study in Luke has brought us to Chapter 15.

1. The Story of Lost and Found

B. The Pharisees

1. In disgust over who Jesus receives.

a. Luke 15:2

b. First century meals and their significance.

2. Irony to the Pharisees’ remarks.

a. They are right.

3. “Begin to grumble.”

a. Same word used by Moses – Exodus 15:24.

C. A word about joy.

1. Perhaps an unexplored attribute of God.

a. I Chronicles 16:27; Nehemiah 8:10; Matthew 25:21,23

b. Joy expressed in the parables of Luke 15, verses 7, 9, 23

II. Exposition

A. Luke 15:8

1. “Woman”

a. Jesus’ decision to feature a female.

1. Luke 8:1-3

2. Rabbis would not have done this.

2. “Coin” – A Roman drachma.

a. Kistemacher

B. Luke 15:9

1. Church fathers and the Holy Spirit.

2. God as a loving parent – Father, yes, but also a mother.

a. Isaiah 66:13

3. Coin is lost

a. There in all three parables – Lostness.

b. First and third parables indicate a decision that results in being lost. This is not the case with the coin.

1. Circumstances – the same as some of our experiences that were not our own fault.

2. Circumstances do not matter to God.

a. He still does the finding.

c. Joy → Present in all three stories.

C. Luke 15:10

1. Joyful angels

a. Repeat of verse 7.

b. Angels viewing of men’s salvation.

1. Matt. 18:10; Matt. 25:31; I Peter 1:12; Rev. 3:5

c. Bernard of Clairvaux

2. Results of being found.

a. Because of repentance.

b. The missing jewel.

III. Points of Reflection

A. God carefully initiated and executed a comprehensive search for each one of us.

B. When a precious coin is found, even though tarnished and marred over time, it is restored to its original splendor.

C. Without God’s search, we would never have been found.