

GOD REJOICES WHEN ONE SINNER REPENTS

Luke 15:1-32

Key Verse: 15:31,32

1. Read verses 1-2. What were the Pharisees muttering about? Read verses 3-7. Who was the lost sheep in this parable? Why does the shepherd go looking for the one lost sheep? Why can't a shepherd be satisfied with the 99 who are left?
2. Think about the shepherd's search for the lost sheep. What does he do when he finds the lost one? What does this parable teach us about God's heart?
3. Read verses 8-10. What did the woman lose? What did she do to find it? What should we learn from her? What does she do when she finds the lost coin? What does this parable teach about God? How is this parable similar to the first one?
4. Read verses 11-13. What did the younger son want? Why? Why did his father give him what he wanted? What did the younger son do with his freedom? What does this teach about God and man?
5. Read verses 14-20a. What happened when a famine struck the land? What shows that the younger son hit the bottom? What did he remember and what did he decide to do?
6. Read verses 20b-24. Describe the son's repentance and the father's welcome. How did the father describe his son's return? How did he restore him to sonship? How does this reveal the heart of God?
7. Read verses 25-32. How did the older brother react when he heard the music and dancing and feasting? How was his view of his brother different from that of his father? What was his relationship with his father? How was he like the Pharisees?