

The Parable of the Lost Sheep
Luke 15:1-7

Introduction: vv.1-3

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A. General Context

B. The Parable of the Lost Sheep

1. The sinners were drawing near to Him v.1; 7:34; 14:21
2. The Pharisees Murmured at this v.2
3. Jesus Affirms that He does receive Sinners v.3

I. The Intense Search has Begun for what was Lost v.4

A. The Helpless Sheep is Lost v. 4a; Is.53

**B. The Shepherd Demonstrates Great Compassion toward the Sheep v.4b
Mt. 14:14, 9:36; John 10:11**

C. The Perseverance of the Shepherd's Search v.4d *until he finds it* Ez.34:11

II. The Recovery and Rejoicing over Finding the Lost sheep vv.5-6

A. The Sheep is placed on The Shepherd's Shoulders v.5; Phil. 2:6, Is. 53:6

B. The Shepherd Rejoices at the Capture of the Lost Sheep v.5b; Heb. 12:2

C. He Calls together Friends and Neighbors to Rejoice with him v.6

III. There is Unspeakable Joy in Heaven over One sinner who Repents! v.7

A. There is Abundant Joy in Heaven v.7a 1 Pet. 1:12

B. Repentance is Necessary for Salvation v. 7b; 2Tim. 2:25

C. Beware of Being Self Righteous v. 7c Mt.23:13, 23, 27; Phil. 3:4-11

Conclusion:

Great encouragement for Christians 1Pet. 3:18; Jn 10:27; Ez. 33:11; 2 Peter 3:9