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Subject: 3 lost things

We have read of 3 lost things. A sheep, a coin and a son. In each case someone went searching and found the thing that was lost. There was joy on the recovery of the that which was lost.

The Pharisees were outwardly righteous but inwardly hard. They despised Jesus “[this man receiveth sinners and eateth with them](#)” (Luke 15:2).

Who was the Lord Jesus? The Son of God, The Messiah (the promised one/the anointed one). The Jewish nation were waiting for the Messiah yet when He came they rejected Him.

This is symbolised in Gen 22 – God told Abraham to take His son up Mount Moriah to sacrifice his son Isaac “[whom thou lovest](#)”. Abraham got to the point of laying Isaac on the altar and raising the knife. God told Abraham to stop. God saw Abraham's obedience.

In the case of God sending His Son, He would take Him to Calvary and He would be sacrificed.

When He came to be our Saviour he did not come as an angel. “[He was born of a virgin](#)” (Matt 1:23), He came “[sin apart](#)” (Heb 4:15). We are all sinners in the sight of God.

The shepherd had one hundred sheep and lost one. He left the ninety and nine and went into the wilderness and found the lost sheep and brought it back.

The sheep was hopelessly lost. We too are hopelessly lost and the Saviour seeks us. You have to realise you are lost or you cannot be found. When you are found He will bring you home rejoicing. The Lord Jesus as Shepherd is searching for us.

The woman lost one coin out of ten. It had great value to her. She would see it in the light. We have no light in us. When the Holy Spirit shines in then light can be seen. The coin was unconsciously lost. It did not know it was lost.

You and I are a precious thing in the eyes of God.

The parable of the father with two sons emphasises the Father's heart. The impatient and independent younger son wanted his inheritance early (a third of his wealth). He then went away and wasted his substance due to riotous living. This is true of human nature.

Men aren't happy and are always looking for next thing to satisfy them. They are trying to get away from God and live independently of Him.

While feeding the pigs the lad thought of his father's house. He acknowledged his sin before his father and before God.

God expects repentance from everyone of us. This means to stop in your ways and turn round, to stop going our own way and start going God's way.

He was willfully lost and had chosen to go away.

God desires you and me to come to Him.

The father was looking for the son. As he sees him coming he runs and embraces him.

The Son had come home. That is what God wants you and I to do.

If we come back to him He won't reject us.

“Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out” (John 6:37)

When God forgives He demand the sin is paid for. This happened at Calvary “God made to meet upon Him the iniquity of us all” (Isa 53:6).

Will you come to Him?

God promises to forgive every sin, change your life and give you peace and happiness.

God has put everything needed to save you right beside you and He only asks you to accept it. To believe on His Son, to trust Him.

“The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin” (1 John 1:7)