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But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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Do We Truly Rejoice?

Are you happy when good things happen to other people? Are you able to rejoice with and for others? Why do we find it so hard to be happy when others around us find success?

Jesus provides us with three parables in which we find people rejoicing in others happiness. But why? In each of the parables something is lost, and then found, and then all involve rejoice. How interesting.

As Christians, rejoicing should come natural, but in a world where envy, strife, and jealousy rule rejoicing for others is foreign, taboo even. Yet Jesus demonstrates three times that rejoicing is actually a natural emotion.

When was the last time you felt true joy? Was it for you or for someone else? Paul wrote, "...if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it." (I Corinthians 12 : 26) There are so many things to rejoice in with our Brethren. So why don't we? Why can we not be happy all the time, Paul wrote again, "Rejoice in the Lord always, Again I will say rejoice!" (Philippians 4 : 4)

What was Jesus trying to teach those around Him. What did He try to teach us? This morning let us understand what Jesus said, and then understand why He said it. In doing so, we will understand how to truly rejoice for others.

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- * Luke 15—Things which are lost are found

Three Lost—Three Found

- * Lost Sheep, Coin, Son

Consider the value of 1 out of a 100

Why would you leave 99 just for 1?

Consider the value of 1 out of 10

Why go to such trouble for just 1 little coin?

Consider the value of 1 out of 2

That which was lost was assumed dead.

- * What does it mean to lose something?

To destroy fully

- * What does it mean to find?

To meet with—after searching to find

- * What does it mean to Rejoice or be Merry?

To congratulate, to take part in another's joy

- * Why did they rejoice?

They understood the value.

- * Why should we rejoice?

Because we understand the value of what was lost, and what it took to bring it back.