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Luke 15 : 1 – 10, 22 – 24, 31 – 32

Three lost items

Sheep

Coin

Son

Three found items

Sheep

Coin

Son

What is the significance?

How does this relate to Heaven?

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Lost Sheep

Consider the value of one sheep:

The owner of the 100 loses 1 of 100

$$1/100 = 1\% = .01$$

‘apollumi’ - to destroy fully (reflexively to perish, or lose)

He leaves the 99 and searches for the one.

‘kataleipo’ - to leave down, that is, behind; by implication to abandon

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Lost Coin

Consider the value of one coin:

The owner of the 10 loses 1 of 10

$$1/10 = 10\% = .1$$

‘apollumi’ - to destroy fully (reflexively to perish, or lose)

She lights a lamp, sweeps the house and searches for the one.

‘zeteo’ - to seek (literally or figuratively); to seek in order to find

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Lost Son

Consider the value of one son:

The father of the 2 loses 1 of 2

$$1/2 = 50\% = .5$$

‘apollumi’ - to destroy fully (reflexively to perish, or lose)

His son was dead.

‘nekros’ - (a corpse); one that has breathed his last, lifeless

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The results:

Sheep, Coin

Found

‘heurisko’ - to find; to come upon, hit upon, to meet with – after searching, to find a thing sought

Rejoice with me

‘sugchairo’ - to sympathize in gladness, congratulate; to rejoice with, take part in another’s joy

Son

Be merry

‘euphraino’ - to put (middle voice or passive voice be) in a good frame of mind, that is, rejoice

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“...likewise there will be more...”

‘houto’ – in this way

In what way?

Joy

‘chara’ - cheerfulness, that is, calm delight; the cause or occasion of joy

When you lose something and then find it, what is produced?

Joy

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What is our response when one turns back to God?

“We are proud of you.”

“We are so grateful of/for you.”

“Congratulations.”

“We love you.”

Do we truly rejoice?

Why did the man, the woman, and the father rejoice?

They understood the value of what was lost.

Why do angels, likewise rejoice?

They understand the value of what was lost.

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What is the value of one lost?

James 5 : 19 – 20

“...save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.”

James 1 : 15

“...sin brings forth death.”

John 3 : 16

God loved the world, He sent His Son to die, so that we may live.

A soul is worth rejoicing over. A soul is worth being cheerful, joyful with and for someone. Let us rejoice when we seek Him, we find Him.