

Are you experiencing the Joy?

Luke 15

⁷ I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

¹⁰ Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

²⁴ for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.

³² It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’”

I. The Lost Sheep v. 1-7

II. The Lost Coin v. 8-10

III. The younger prodigal v. 11-24

1. He was impatient

¹² And the younger of them said to *his* father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me*.’ So he divided to them *his* livelihood.

2. He was selfish

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3. He was reckless

¹³ And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

4. He remembered

¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

5. He repented

²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

IV. The Father v. 22 – 25

1. He celebrated

²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring ^[b] out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet.’ ²³ And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry;

2. He forgave

V. The older prodigal v. 26 – 32

1. He was self – righteous

2. He heard the disturbance

²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’

3. He had a bad disposition

²⁸ “But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.

4. He degraded himself

²⁹ So he answered and said to *his* father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.

5. He disgraced his father

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