



**GREAT CHAPTERS FOR GREATER LIVING: LUKE 15**

**“THE LOST COIN”**

**LUKE 15: 8-10**

THIS ENTIRE CHAPTER IS ACTUALLY ONE PARABLE HAVING THREE PICTURES. THEY ALL DECLARE THE SAME MAIN TRUTH, BUT EACH ONE OF THEM REVEALS A DIFFERENT PHASE OF IT. THIS IS THE MASTERPIECE OF ALL THE PARABLES IN SCRIPTURE, FOR IT TELLS US ABOUT A SHEEP, A COIN, AND A SON, ALL OF WHICH WERE LOST AND ALL WORTH SAVING.

THE COIN IS SYMBOLIC OF MAN. LIKE THE COIN, MAN IS SENSELESS AND POWERLESS TO SAVE ITSELF BECAUSE MAN IS DEAD IN TRESPASSES AND SINS. THE WOMAN REPRESENTS THE CHURCH. SHE IS IN CONTROL OF THE HOUSE WHILE HER HUSBAND IS AWAY AND SHE IS IN CHARGE OF THE TREASURY. LIKewise IS THE CONDITION OF THE CHURCH WHILE JESUS IS IN HEAVEN AND WE AWAIT HIS RETURN.

**I. THE COIN, LIKE MAN, IS LOST**

**A. NOTICE FIRST, THAT THE COIN WAS LOST IN THE DUST.**

THIS COIN REPRESENTED A DAY'S WAGE, SO IT WAS VERY VALUABLE. EVERY SOUL IS VALUABLE.

**B. THE COIN WHICH WAS LOST WAS IGNORANT OF THE FACT THAT IT WAS LOST.**

THE INSENSIBILITY OF THE COIN IS AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE UTTER INDIFFERENCE OF SOULS UNQUICKENED BY THE GRACE AND TOUCH OF GOD'S SPIRIT.

**C. THE COIN WAS LOST BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.**

THIS IS A PICTURE OF THE SAVIOR—HE KNOWS SOMEONE IS LOST AND THAT THEY OUGHT TO BE IN HIS HAND.

**D. NOTICE ALSO THAT THE COIN WAS LOST BUT WAS STILL CLAIMED.**

EVEN THOUGH THE WOMAN HAD LOST THE COIN, SHE DID NOT LOSE THE RIGHT TO IT. IT WAS STILL HERS.

**E. THE COIN WAS LOST BUT IT WAS STILL VALUED.**

THE MONEY WAS VALUABLE TO THE WOMAN, AND IN THE SAME WAY, SOULS ARE VALUABLE TO THE LORD AND HIS CHURCH.

**F. THE COIN WAS LOST IN THE HOUSE.**

SHE HAD NOT LOST THE COIN IN SOME PLACE WHERE IT COULD NOT BE FOUND. LOST SOULS ARE WITHIN THE REACH OF THE CHURCH AND THE HOLY SPIRIT TO FIND THEM.

**II. THE COIN, LIKE MAN, WAS SOUGHT**

**A. IT WAS SOUGHT BY ITS OWNER PERSONALLY.**

THE WOMAN SOUGHT FOR IT HERSELF. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE GREAT “SOUL FINDER” AND LOOKS FOR THE LOST THROUGH THE CHURCH.

**B. IT WAS A MATTER OF CHIEF CONCERN.**

SHE DROPPED EVERYTHING ELSE TO SEEK AFTER THIS LOST COIN. SEEKING LOST SOULS SHOULD BE A PRIORITY AMONG OUR CHURCH.

**C. THE WOMAN SOUGHT FOR IT CONTINUOUSLY.**

THE SCRIPTURE SAYS, “TILL SHE FOUND IT.” WE MUST NOT GET DISCOURAGED OR GIVE UP.

**III. THE COIN, LIKE MANY A SINNER, IS FOUND**

**A. THE WOMAN HERSELF FOUND THE COIN.**

THE SPIRIT OF GOD FINDS SINNERS, AND AS A RULE THE CHURCH IS THE INSTRUMENT OF THEIR RECOVERY.

**B. WHEN SHE FOUND IT, SHE REJOICED.**

THE GREATER HER TROUBLE IN SEARCHING, THE HIGHER HER JOY IN FINDING.

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**APPLICATION**

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD SEEKS SINNERS THROUGH THIS, HIS CHURCH. WE NEED TO BE AVAILABLE TO BE USED OF HIM TO FIND THE LOST AND BRING THEM TO THE LORD.