

# Luke 15

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## **The Parable of the Lost Sheep**

- <sup>1</sup> Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.
- <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.
- <sup>3</sup> And he spake this parable unto them, saying,
- <sup>4</sup> What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?
- <sup>5</sup> And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.
- <sup>6</sup> And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.
- <sup>7</sup> I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.
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## **The Parable of the Lost Coin**

- <sup>8</sup> Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?
- <sup>9</sup> And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.
- <sup>10</sup> Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

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## **The Parable of the Prodigal Son**

**11** And he said, A certain man had two sons:

**12** And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

**13** And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

**14** And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

**15** And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

**16** And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

**17** And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

**18** I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

**19** And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

**20** And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

**21** And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

**22** But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

**23** And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

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

**25** Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.

**26** And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.

**27** And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

**28** And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.

**29** And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:

**30** But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

**31** And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

**32** It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **Angel** — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

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### **Heaven** — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

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## Repent — μετανοέω (Metanoeo)

To change one's mind, repent

The Greek **metanoeo** (μετανοέω) means to change one's mind or purpose—a complete transformation of thinking. John the Baptist and Jesus both began their ministries with 'Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand' (Matthew 3:2; 4:17).

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Luke 15:1** **Sin:** 1 Timothy 1:15. **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 18:27

**Luke 15:2** **Resurrection:** Luke 5:30; 7:39; Matthew 9:11. **Sin:** Luke 7:34; 19:7. **Parallel theme:** Acts 11:3; Galatians 2:12

**Luke 15:4** **Parallel theme:** Luke 13:15; 19:10; Psalms 119:176; Isaiah 53:6; Jeremiah 50:6; Ezekiel 34:16; 34:31; Matthew 12:11; Romans 2:1; 1 Peter 2:25

### Luke 15:5

**Parallel theme:** Luke 15:32; 19:9; 23:43; Ezekiel 18:23; Micah 7:18; Hebrews 12:2

**Luke 15:6** **Parallel theme:** Luke 15:7; 15:10; 15:24; Psalms 119:176; John 3:29; 15:14; Acts 11:23; 15:3; Philippians 2:17; 1 Peter 2:25

**Luke 15:7** **Righteousness:** Luke 5:32; 16:15. **Sin:** Luke 15:10; Romans 7:9. **Parallel theme:** Luke 15:29; 15:32; Proverbs 30:12; Matthew 18:13

**Luke 15:8** **Parallel theme:** Luke 19:10; Ezekiel 34:12; John 10:16; 11:52

**Luke 15:10** **Sin:** Luke 7:47; 15:7. **Repentance:** Luke 13:5; Acts 11:18; 2 Corinthians 7:10. **References God:** Ezekiel 18:23; 18:32; 33:11. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 18:14; Hebrews 1:14

**Luke 15:12** **Parallel theme:** Mark 12:44

### Luke 15:13

**Parallel theme:** Luke 15:30; 16:1; 16:19; Proverbs 21:17; 28:7; 29:3; Jeremiah 2:5

**Luke 15:14**    **Parallel theme:** 2 Chronicles 33:11

**Luke 15:15**    **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 1:5; Titus 3:3

**Luke 15:16**    **Parallel theme:** Psalms 142:4; Isaiah 44:20; Lamentations 4:5

**Luke 15:17**

**Parallel theme:** Luke 8:35; 16:23; Psalms 73:20; Ecclesiastes 9:3; Jeremiah 31:19; Lamentations 1:7; Ezekiel 18:28; Acts 2:37; Ephesians 5:14

**Luke 15:18**

**Parallel theme:** Proverbs 23:13; Isaiah 63:16; Jeremiah 3:19; Lamentations 3:40; Matthew 6:14.  
**Sin:** Luke 15:21; 18:13; Psalms 25:11; Jeremiah 31:20; Matthew 3:6

**Luke 15:19**    **Parallel theme:** Luke 5:8; Genesis 32:10; Job 42:6; Psalms 84:10; 1 Corinthians 15:9; 1 Peter 5:6

**Luke 15:20**    **Parallel theme:** Genesis 33:4; 45:14; 46:29; Psalms 86:5; 86:15; Isaiah 49:15; 57:18; Jeremiah 31:20; Ephesians 2:13; 2:17

**Luke 15:21**    **Sin:** Psalms 51:4; Jeremiah 3:13; 1 Corinthians 8:12. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 143:2; Romans 2:4

**Luke 15:22**    **Parallel theme:** Genesis 41:42; Esther 3:10; 8:2; Psalms 18:33; Isaiah 61:10; Romans 8:15; Revelation 2:17; 6:11; 7:9; 19:8

**Luke 15:23**    **Parallel theme:** Psalms 63:5; Isaiah 25:6

**Luke 15:24**    **Parallel theme:** Luke 15:4; 15:32; 19:10; Isaiah 35:10; Ezekiel 34:16; Romans 6:11; 8:2; Ephesians 2:1; 2:5; Colossians 2:13

**Luke 15:25**    **Parallel theme:** Psalms 150:4

**Luke 15:28**    **Parallel theme:** Luke 7:39; 15:2; 1 Samuel 18:8; Isaiah 65:5; 66:5; Jonah 4:9

**Luke 15:30**    **Parallel theme:** Luke 15:32; 18:11; Proverbs 29:3

**Luke 15:31**    **Parallel theme:** Romans 9:4; 11:1

**Luke 15:32**

**Parallel theme:** Luke 7:34; 15:24; Psalms 51:8; Isaiah 35:10; Hosea 14:9; Romans 3:4; 3:19

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