

The Saving Love of the Triune God toward Sinners  
Luke 15:1-32

<p><b>Questions</b></p>	
<p><b><u>The setting for this parable</u></b></p> <p><b>Who were the tax collectors and why were they classed with sinners? What were they doing?</b> Luke 15:1; Matt.5:46<sup>2</sup>; Luke 3:12-13; 19:2, 8; 18:9-10; 9:10-11.</p> <p><b>Who were the scribe and Pharisees? What were they doing?</b> Luke 15:2; Luke 15:7b; Mark 2:6<sup>1</sup>, 16, 24; 3:22; 7:5; 8:11; 9:14; 10:2; 11:27; 12:13, 28; 3:6; 11:18; 14:1; 8:31; 10:33; 14:43, 53; 15:1, 31.</p> <p><b>Why did the Lord resort to a parable in responding to the scribes and Pharisees?</b> Luke 15:3<sup>1</sup></p>	
<p><b><u>The first section of the Parable:</u></b> <b>The Spirit as the Searching Woman</b></p> <p><b>Who are the hundred sheep? What is the wilderness?</b> Luke 1:4<sup>1</sup>; John 1:14</p> <p><b>Who is the one lost sheep?</b> Luke 19:10<sup>1</sup>; Matt. 10:6; 15:24; Ezek34:11-12, 16; 1Pet 2:25; Isa.53:6; Luke 15:7a</p> <p><b>How long will the Shepherd seek after the lost sheep?</b> Luke 15:4b</p> <p><b>What does the shepherd do when He finds the lost sheep?</b> Luke 15:5<sup>1</sup>; 1Tim1:15</p> <p><b>Where does the Shepherd go once He has found the lost sheep? And what is His feeling for His sheep?</b> Luke 1:6; 1Peter 2:25</p> <p><b>What happens in the heavens when a sinner repents? What about the righteous?</b> Luke 15:7</p>	
<p><b><u>The second section of the parable:</u></b> <b>The Spirit as the Searching Woman</b></p> <p><b>Who is the woman in the parable?</b> Luke 15:3<sup>1</sup></p> <p><b>What is the value of the silver coins? What does being one lost silver coin mean?</b> Luke 15:8<sup>1</sup></p> <p><b>What does the woman use to find the lost coin and what does that mean?</b> Luke 15:8<sup>2</sup></p>	

<p><b>What does the woman do to find the coin? How is that process different from the seeking and finding by the shepherd in v.4? Luke 15:8<sup>3,4</sup></b></p>	
<p><b>What does the woman do upon finding the lost coin? How does that compare to v.6? Luke 15:9</b></p>	
<p><b>What does joy in the presence of the angels of God? Luke 15:10; 12:8<sup>1,2</sup></b></p>	
<p><b>The third section of the parable: The Father as the Loving &amp; Accepting Father</b></p> <p><b>Who is the man with two sons? Luke 3:38<sup>2</sup> (cf. Gen.5:1-2), 15:3<sup>1</sup></b></p> <p><b>What do these sons represent? (John 3:6a; Luke 15:13b, 28a, 29; Rom.1:20<sup>2</sup>, 21<sup>1,2</sup>, 24<sup>1</sup>, 2:1,3,5, 17,23-24)</b></p> <p><b>How do they compare to the sheep and the coins in the first two sections of the parable? Luke 15:11; 12,8,4,1; 25,8a,4,2</b></p>	
<p><b>What is the inheritance that was the younger son's by birth? What is our inheritance by our first birth (John 3:6a)?</b> [temporal:] Gen.1:26, 29, 8:22, 9:1-2, 7; 27:28; Lev.26:4-5; Isa.30:23; Psa.8:4-8; James 3:7; Eccl.3:13, 5:19; 1Tim.4:4; 2Chron.1:12a; Deut.8:18 [spiritual:] Gen.1:26a, 2:7; Job 32:8; Zech.12:1</p> <p><b>What did the Father do upon the younger son's request? Luke 15:12b</b></p> <p><b>To what does "his living" refer in reference to the Father? Luke 15:12, 30, 8:14<sup>1</sup>; Mark 12:44.</b></p> <p>If the father in this parable represents God, how can we speak of his living?</p>	
<p><b>What did the younger son do with his share? Luke 15:13<sup>2</sup>,14a, 30a</b></p> <p><b>To what does a "distant country" refer? Luke 15:13<sup>1</sup>; Matt.12:26<sup>1</sup>, John 12:31; Eph.6:12; Col.1:13</b></p>	
<p><b>What happened to the younger son after he spent the inheritance? Luke 15:14-15</b></p> <p><b>What does it mean he joined himself to one of the citizens of that country? 1John 2:15<sup>2</sup>, 5:19<sup>2,3</sup> What does it mean that he was reduced to feeding hogs? And to what does carob pods refer? Luke 15:15<sup>1</sup> (cf.Lev.11:7), 16<sup>1</sup></b></p>	
<p><b>What does it mean, "he came to himself"? Acts 12:11<sup>1</sup></b></p>	

<p><b>What caused him to come to himself?</b> Luke 15:4b-6a, 8b-9a, 17<sup>1</sup></p> <p><b>What was the 6-fold result of his coming to himself?</b> Luke 15:17-18<sup>1,2</sup>, 19<sup>1,2</sup>, 20a, 21</p>	
<p><b>What does it mean, 'while he was still a long way off?' Eph.2:13<sup>2</sup></b></p> <p><b>What was the father doing?</b> Luke 15:20<sup>1</sup></p> <p><b>What then did the father immediately do upon seeing the returning son?</b> Luke 15:20<sup>2,3</sup></p>	
<p><b>How did the father respond to the prodigal son's attempt at repentance? What do the things the father did for the son signify?</b> Luke 15:22<sup>1-7</sup>, 23<sup>1,2</sup>, 24<sup>1</sup></p>	
<p><b>Who does the older son represent? What was the older son doing?</b> Luke 14:25a<sup>1</sup>; Rom.9:31-32</p>	
<p><b>What did the older son do, when the younger son returned?</b> Luke 15:25b-28</p>	
<p><b>What was the older son's complaint? Was does "slaving signify"? What is his claim to the father's grace?</b> Luke 15:29<sup>1,2</sup>-30<sup>1,2</sup>, Gal.5:1</p>	
<p><b>What is the father's reply to the older son? How does this apply to Pharisees and scribbles?</b> Luke 15:31-32<sup>1</sup>, 24<sup>1</sup></p>	