

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Luke 15:3-7

1. Relate the parable briefly.
2. What group of people gathered to hear Jesus?
3. Who murmured about Jesus' association with publicans and sinners?
4. What was Jesus' argument to the Pharisees about why they should seek to restore rather than criticize lost sinners?
5. Who is the man with a hundred sheep in the parable?
6. Of what is the lost sheep a type?

7. What danger does the lost sheep or its type face?

8. What is represented by finding the lost sheep?

9. What is suggested by the shepherd elevating the sheep to his shoulders?

10. What is taught about the rejoicing of the shepherd?

11. If the Good Shepherd is our example, what does he expect of us as his followers?

12. What were the shepherd's emotions toward the lost sheep?

13. Do you think the shepherd expected someone else to find his sheep?

14. What does the parable teach about perseverance in well-doing?

15. Did the shepherd think the only place of safety for the sheep was with the flock and the shepherd?

16. What does that tell us about the sinner?

17. The lost sheep was elevated and found safety and rest. How does that apply to the lost sinner?

18. How do we know that Heaven is concerned with the salvation of the lost?

19. Does the fact that only a single sheep is lost indicate how few are lost or of the Lord's concern for even a single lost person?

20. Would a sheep eventually find its way home or does it need some direction?

21. Does the term “sheep,” as used by Jesus, ever refer to the sinful and rebellious, that is, the alien sinner?

22. In what way is Jesus the Good Shepherd?

23. Can you picture the Good Shepherd saying, “Oh, well, I still have ninety-nine left!”?

24. Should we be satisfied so long as some are backslidden and lost?

25. Do you think the Lord expects us to seek the lost?