

Sentimental Value

“The Story of the Lost Coin”

Text: Luke 11:8-10

8“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9“And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’ 10“Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (New King James Version)

Introduction: The parables in **Luke 15** are some of the most familiar in the Bible. These parables stress the lost state of man, God’s desire for his restoration, and the joy that follows. God loves His children and desires for them to be back in His arms. The Lost items of Luke 15 reveal that the sheep is lost by simply wandering away from the flock. The coin is lost by neglect. The boy is lost by a deliberate choice. But all three show lost conditions and hope for restoration. God and His children are the heart of all three parables. In this story today, a woman had ten silver coins, but lost one. She lit a lamp, swept the house, and searched carefully. When she finally found it she had her friends over for a party to celebrate. Others were able to rejoice because of this event. What can we learn? Let’s study together.

Discussion :

I. What Can We Learn From The Woman?

Luke 15:10, I Peter 1:10–12

II. What Can We Learn From The Coin?

Matthew 16:26, Mark 8:37

III. What Can We Learn From The Search?

II Peter 3:9, John 3:16

IV. What Can We Learn From The Celebration?

Luke 15:5-7, 10



Conclusion: If there is one thing we can learn from this story it is that we are valuable to God. He will do whatever it takes to save our souls. What will we do in an effort to save ourselves? What will we do to save others? How will we react when someone is saved? It is clear what God’s response will be to our decision. What will you decide?