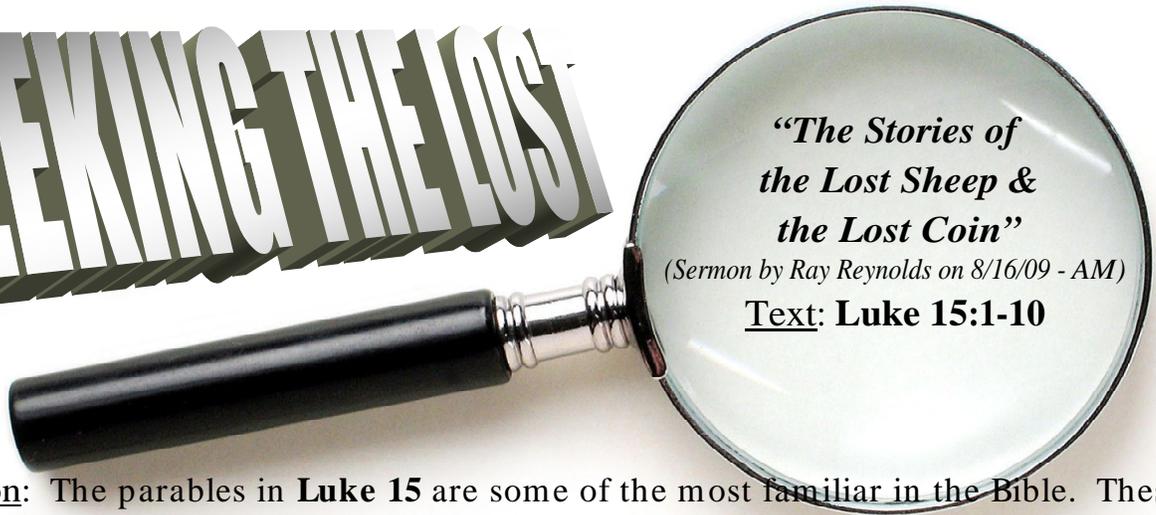


# SEEKING THE LOST



*“The Stories of  
the Lost Sheep &  
the Lost Coin”*

*(Sermon by Ray Reynolds on 8/16/09 - AM)*

**Text: Luke 15:1-10**

Introduction: The parables in **Luke 15** are some of the most familiar in the Bible. These stories 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. What can we learn? Let’s study together. . . . .

Discussion:

*I. Concern Is Over Being Lost Not Being Sinful*

**Luke 15:4, 8, John 3:17, 8:26, 12:47**

*II. Concern For The Lost Will Lead Someone To Take Action*

**Luke 15:4, 8, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16**

*III. Concern For The Lost Is Natural Among Christians*

**Luke 15:4-5, 8-9, II Peter 3:9, Luke 19:10, John 3:16, Romans 5:7-8**

*IV. Concern Will Soon Be Replaced With Rejoicing*

**Luke 15:5-6, 8-10, Colossians 2:5, Philippians 1:25-26, Acts 8:39, Acts 16**

Conclusion: These are such wonderful parables! They teach us about compassion and love but they also connect us to the mind of God. God loves you and He can’t stand the thought of spending eternity without you. He’s sacrificed His one and only Son for you. And when you are lost, or can’t find your way, He will take your hand and lead you home! And if you know someone is lost, reach out your hand and help them find their way! God is calling us home!

WORD OF THE DAY = “LOST”