

THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable:

LUKE 15:1-7 (cont.)

⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’

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1. Setting
2. Sheep
3. Sin
4. Shepherds
5. Salvation

2 TYPES OF PEOPLE TODAY

- ✘ Moralistic People – identify with the Pharisees and scribes
- ✘ Amoral, Hedonistic People – identify with the tax collectors and sinners

LUKE 15:4-7

⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’

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EZEKIEL 34:1-4

¹The word of the Lord came to me:

²“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord God: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep?

³You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep.

EZEKIEL 34:1-4 (cont.)

4The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them.”

EZEKIEL 34:11-12,16

¹¹“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so I will seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness... ¹⁶***I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed,*** and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

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First half - Pharisees, religious people, self-righteous and secluded...

Second half – Jesus Christ, our Lord and God