

"THE LOST SHEEP"

Luke 15:1-7

Luke 15 contains 3 parables that illustrate God's love for the Lost. In each one of these parables, there was a lost person, animal, or object that needed to be found. The parable of the Lost Sheep shows us:

1. THE CONDITION OF THE SINNER. 15:4

The Bible tells us that all men are like sheep (Isaiah 53:6, 1 Peter 2:25, Psalm 110:3). And that is not a very complimentary comparison.

A. Sheep Are Dumb.

The brain of the sheep is not very receptive. The same is true of the unsaved man (1 Corinthians 2:14).

B. Sheep Are Directionless.

They wander off and cannot find their way back (Matthew 9:36).

C. Sheep Are Defenseless.

Likewise, the unsaved man is helpless against the power of sin.

2. THE COMPASSION OF THE SHEPHERD. 15:4-5

The shepherd in this parable represents Jesus (Psalm 23:1, John 10:11). Look at the activity of the shepherd:

A. The Shepherd Leaving. 15:4

B. The Shepherd Looking. 15:5

3. THE CELEBRATION OF SALVATION. 15:6-7

A. The Sheep Was Rescued From Disuse.

B. The Sheep Was Rescued From Danger.