**Bible/College Class Notes – *Studies in The New Testament* – Lesson 73**

**Good News of Salvation in the Saviour’s Parables**

**This week** – We continue our series of lessons based on some Parables of the Lord Jesus Christ. **NOTES**

The Lord Jesus said*,*

*“There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.”*  Luke 15v10.

The Lost Coin - Lost and Found. VA1

Have you ever been lost?

and been so glad to be found?

I was in a busy department store and witnessed

a young child of about 3 getting lost.

Her mother had let go of the child’s hand

and the child darted towards the lift,

just as the doors were opening.

People came out and people went in.

So did the child.

The doors shut

and the lift went down to the next floor.

The mother was totally unaware of what had happened but she knew that her child was lost – nowhere to be seen.

She then heard crying. It was her upset, lost, child being carried up the stairs by a shop assistant.

She had noticed the child come out of the lift without a grownup and thought

her parents would be on the next floor up.

Happily, the lost child and her mother were re-united, the tears ceased, and there was joy over the finding of her child. The mother and the child.

Have you ever lost something precious, and been so relieved to find it again?

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I worked on a farm when I left school.

During my boss’s lunchbreak I was tasked with carrying on with mowing the grass to make hay. Sometimes one had to stop

and clear out the cutters.

I found that this time a nut had come off

and so I began to search for it on the ground.

I thought it must be here somewhere

amongst the grass stubble,

but after 10 minutes I still had not found it.

I then decided to pray that the Lord would help me. I prayed my request, said, Amen.

The Lord answered immediately.

I was squat down and lost my balance,

so, I put out my right had to support me.

As it touched the ground, I felt the nut I had been searching for. The Lord had wonderfully directed my hand to the lost nut.

Great joy and thanksgiving flooded over me.

How kind the Lord was to answer my prayer.

Soon I was back mowing again.

The Bible speaks about us being lost. VA Words 2

Lost in our sin.

Lost from entering Heaven

and Eternity with our Creator God.

Do you feel ‘lost in your sin’? VA Words 3

Do you want to be ‘found, and saved’?

The Woman Who Lost Her Valuable Coin

Was Overjoyed To Find It.

She was very worried about losing the coin.

This was vital money

to buy family food for the week.

Without this there would be no food for them.

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She searched her house patiently, and diligently,

using her broom, and a candle. VA House She searched long and hard, searching everywhere. Nothing else mattered until she had found it.

While lost, the coin lost its shine

(it became tarnished).

Its value was useless & worthless

until it was found.

She searched until she found it When she did find it she called her neighbours to rejoice with her.

This Parable is About Lost Sinners

Being Found by The Lord. Saved to be useful.

God Notices Their Worth even while lost.

How amazing that God should be interested in us, out of all the millions of people in the world,

even when we are lost in sin?

We are all Tarnished with Sin VA2

Adam’s sin ruined his living soul

which had been made in God’s image.

We inherit Adam’s sinful nature –

God’s image in us is tarnished.

God created Adam Perfect, in His own Image.

Being Perfect he shone

as he reflected the righteousness of God.

Adam fell into sin and lost his image.

He was now a sinner.

We inherit that sinful nature from him.

This makes us worthless. Whilst lost in sin we are away from God - no use to God. VA3

The Great Search for The Lost Coin.

The woman set about searching

for her valuable lost coin.

The Lord God, out of great love,

sent His Son to die to save us.

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His love for us is so great

that He persists in His desire to save us.

The Inanimate, Lifeless Coin,

could not find itself. VA4

Without God’s help we would remain lost.

God has to take the initiative.

The Bible clearly teaches us that

because we are spiritually dead

 We need to be quickened,

Made alive towards God.

Only He can find us, change our hearts,

give us the gift of believing faith,

and save us.

The woman had to get right down on the floor amongst the grime and dirt.

The Saviour had to come from Heaven

and live on earth amongst sinners. VA5

Tools Were Needed to find the Lost Coin.

The woman used her candle and broom.

God uses the Light of His Word VA6

to ‘shine into our heart’,

and uses His Holy Spirit,

like a broom, to awaken our conscience.

The Coin Was Found and Restored. VA7

Repentant sinners are ‘found, cleansed of sin,

and forgiven’, by the Lord,

and held safely in His hands,

now and for eternity.

We call this The Preservation of Believers.

 None shall be lost for whom Christ died.

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God’s Great Joy. VA8

The woman had great joy

and she called her friends to rejoice with her.

There is joy in Heaven over

every sinner who is saved.

Luke 15v7, “joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth.”

It was for the ‘joy set before Him’, that the Lord Jesus came to earth as a perfect Man to willingly die in our place, on Calvary, in order to save us.

*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God”* Hebrews 12v2. VA9

There is Great Joy In our Soul

When We Are Found by The Lord Jesus.

The knowledge of sins forgiven and forgotten by God is a wonderful soul experience.

Do you ‘hear’ the Lord patiently calling you? Searching for you?

Every Gospel call for you to come in repentance and faith is that opportunity for your tarnished soul to be found, cleansed, and restored to God’s image so that you can enjoy Him for ever

– now and in Eternal Heaven.

Do you have this wonderful experience of joy in your soul through knowing the forgiveness of our Holy God, granted us through the death of His Son?

The Apostle Paul wrote, *“But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, whilst we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”*  Romans 5v8.

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Important Thought for us Today:

What does the Bible mean

when it describes us as being ‘lost’?

In the beginning God created man (Adam)

in His own image with a living soul.

At creation Adam, and his wife Eve, were perfect, but God gave them freedom to obey or disobey.

Genesis 3 explains how both Adam, and Eve, chose to disobey, immediately losing their relationship with God due to their sin of unbelief and rebellion.

We all inherit this fallen state from Adam,

So, we too are separated from God.

Starting life in a ‘lost’ state of sin and rebellion

from which we have no power within ourselves to change, making this lost state eternal.

Thankfully, God takes the initiative

using the quickening power of His Holy Spirit to change our hearts (Ephesians 2v1-10),

such that our spiritual capability is renewed.

Once changed we feel the conviction of our sin,

 and then cry out to God

in repentance for forgiveness.

Believing that God The Son, Jesus Christ,

died to take the guilt of all our sin on Himself.

Out of His great love He seeks us out, to find,

and save us. (See Luke 19v10).

Have you been found and saved by the Saviour?