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Part 4: Celebrating the One



Luke 15:1-10

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

³ So he told them this parable: 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?”



Luke 15:1-10

⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.⁶ And 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.' ⁷ ***Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.***



Luke 15:1-10

8 “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ 10 ***Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.***”



The Theology of Heaven



Luke 15:1-2

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“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

-A.W. Tozer



What were they missing concerning the heart of God?



The Urgency of Heaven



Luke 15:3-7

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Luke 15:3-7

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How much of that urgency is seen in my life?



The Priority of Heaven



Luke 15:8-10

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1 Timothy 1:15

¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that ***Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners***, of whom I am the foremost.



