Week 10 Show Notes



CHIASMS IN LUKE 15

LOST SHEEP

A [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,

B and go after the one that is **lost**, until he **finds** it?

C [5] And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, **rejoicing**.

D [6] And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors,

C' saying to them, 'Rejoice with me,

B' for I have **found** my sheep that was **lost**.'

A' [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.

B [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**?

C [9] And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me,

B' for I have **found the coin** that I had **lost**.'

A' [10] Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

A [11] And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. [12] And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them.

B [13] Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

C [14] And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

D[15] So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

E[16] And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

F [17] "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! F' [18] I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. [19] I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.""

E' [20] And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

D' [21] And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

C' [22] But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.

B' [23] And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.

A' [24] For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

A [25] "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. [26] And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

B [27] And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.'

C[28] But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him,

D [29] but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.

D' [30] But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!'

C'[31] And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

B'[32] It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

A' (this is left open ended for the Pharisees to respond)