Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#60 – "The Story of Lost and Found" – Luke 15:8-10

I. Introduction

- A. Our study in Luke has brought us to Chapter 15.
 - 1. The Story of Lost and Found
- B. The Pharisees
 - 1. In disgust over who Jesus receives.
 - a. Luke 15:2
 - b. First century meals and their significance.
 - 2. Irony to the Pharisees' remarks.
 - a. They are right.
 - 3. "Begin to grumble."
 - a. Same word used by Moses Exodus 15:24.
- C. A word about joy.
 - 1. Perhaps an unexplored attribute of God.
 - a. I Chronicles 16:27; Nehemiah 8:10; Matthew 25:21,23
 - b. Joy expressed in the parables of Luke 15, verses 7, 9, 23

II. Exposition

- A. Luke 15:8
 - 1. "Woman"
 - a. Jesus' decision to feature a female.
 - 1. Luke 8:1-3
 - 2. Rabbis would not have done this.
 - 2. "Coin" A Roman drachma.
 - a. Kistemacher

B. Luke 15:9

- 1. Church fathers and the Holy Spirit.
- 2. God as a loving parent Father, yes, but also a mother.
 - a. Isaiah 66:13
- 3. Coin is lost
 - a. There in all three parables Lostness.
 - b. First and third parables indicate a decision that results in being lost. This is not the case with the coin.
 - 1. Circumstances the same as some of our experiences that were <u>not</u> our own fault.
 - 2. Circumstances do not matter to God.
 - a. He still does the finding.
 - c. Joy \rightarrow Present in all three stories.

C. Luke 15:10

- 1. Joyful angels
 - a. Repeat of verse 7.
 - b. Angels viewing of men's salvation.
 - 1. Matt. 18:10; Matt. 25:31; I Peter 1:12; Rev. 3:5
 - c. Bernard of Clairvaux
- 2. Results of being found.
 - a. Because of repentance.
 - b. The missing jewel.

III. Points of Reflection

- A. God carefully initiated and executed a comprehensive search for each one of us.
- B. When a precious coin is found, even though tarnished and marred over time, it is restored to its original splendor.
- C. Without God's search, we would never have been found.