

## 100 Bible Stories

### 74. The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin

#### Luke 15 (NKJV)

Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>So He spoke this parable to them, saying:

<sup>4</sup>"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' <sup>7</sup>I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!' <sup>10</sup>Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**Objections to the parable answered.**

**See Luke 5.27-32; who are the righteous who 'need no repentance?'**

**Why does Christ use a specific count (10) instead of a limitless category? What doctrine involves a count of the saved? To whom does that doctrine apply?**