

## God's Compassion for the Lost

*Luke 15:1-32*

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One of the great outstanding peculiarities of our Christian \_\_\_\_\_ is the fact that it is the \_\_\_\_\_ religion among men that has ever represented God as \_\_\_\_\_ man. Other faiths represent man as seeking God, which is \_\_\_\_\_ true. Romans 3:10-11 clearly states, "*As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not \_\_\_\_\_: There is none that understandeth, there is \_\_\_\_\_ that seeketh after God.*" Without God's \_\_\_\_\_, man does not desire God. In the passage before us, we find \_\_\_\_\_ parable containing three stories with \_\_\_\_\_ categories of the lost. Each one of us is pictured in one of those categories. God \_\_\_\_\_ each person, and has great \_\_\_\_\_ for each.

### A. The Lost \_\_\_\_\_

1. Outside the fold – exposed to \_\_\_\_\_, and helpless
2. \_\_\_\_\_ – thoughtlessly wandered away
3. Unconscious of its \_\_\_\_\_
4. There is \_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven when it is found.

### B. The Lost \_\_\_\_\_

1. Drachma – piece of silver (a coin with the \_\_\_\_\_ of authority stamped on it)
2. Perhaps part of her "*semedi*" – a \_\_\_\_\_ made up of coins that revealed her betrothal, or her marriage \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The silver was lost through the carelessness of \_\_\_\_\_ and was not to be blamed for being lost.
4. There is joy in the presence of the \_\_\_\_\_ when it is found.

### C. The First Son

1. \_\_\_\_\_, self-centered pride
2. \_\_\_\_\_ against all restriction and order
3. Instead of gaining freedom and liberty, the \_\_\_\_\_ was true.
4. Experienced the most \_\_\_\_\_ and humiliating things
5. \_\_\_\_\_ and went back home
6. There was \_\_\_\_\_ rejoicing on by the father upon his return.

### D. The Second Son

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of his work – attending to the affairs of the estate
2. He was lost at home, and did not know his father's \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ spirit – "thy" son
4. \_\_\_\_\_ of his heart
  - a. A lost \_\_\_\_\_ of indebtedness
  - b. A \_\_\_\_\_ complacency – seemed to live a straight life
  - c. A foolish forgetfulness of his \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. No \_\_\_\_\_ for the fallen
  - e. A lack of \_\_\_\_\_ love
  - f. Had no joy in \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ his father's appeal
6. There is \_\_\_\_\_ joy over this son.