

HOW DOES GOD SEE SINNERS

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INTRODUCTION

- A. **TEXT:** *“Now all the publicans and sinners were drawing near unto him to hear him. And both the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.”* (Luke 15:1-2).
- B. **THE SETTING:**
1. Those who were coming to hear the words of the Master.
 2. This accusation made against Jesus by the scribes and Pharisees.
- C. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THEY DO NOT VIEW THE SINNER IN THE SAME WAY HE DID.
1. The scribes and Pharisees had neither love to hope for recovery of such, nor medicines to effect it.
 2. The angels of God rejoicing at the conversion of sinner. **3 Parables**
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How God Sees Sinners

- A. HE SEES THEM WITH LOVE.
1. John 3:16.
 2. God loves all.
- B. GOD SEES THE SINNER AS LOST!
1. *“But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”* (Rom. 5:8).
 2. As sick in need of a physician. *“They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what this meaneth, I desire mercy, and not sacrifice; for I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”* (Matt. 9:12,13).
- C. How the World would have God to see the sinner.
1. He made a mistake...but I will love him just as he is.
 2. The world would have God to over look the sin in the sinner.
- D. **GOD SEES THE SINNER AS LOST!!!**
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How Does God See Sin

- A. THE CAUSE OF DEATH!
1. Gen. 3; If you eat of the tree....sin, you will die.
 2. *“The sting of death is sin:”* (I Cor. 15:50-58).
 3. *“The soul that sinneth, it shall die”* (Ezek. 18:4).
 4. *“For the wages of sin is death”.* (Rom. 6:23).
 5. All sickness, sorrow, pain and death is the result of sin!

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B. SIN IS THAT WHICH SEPARATES MAN FROM GOD!

1. *"So he drove out the man; and placed at the east of the garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flame of a sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."* (Gen. 3:24).
2. *....but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, so that he will not hear."* (Isa. 59:2).

C. GOD HATES SIN.....Proverbs 6:16-19.

D. **NEVER.....NEVER**, CONFUSE THE WAY GOD FEELS ABOUT SIN AND THE WAY HE FEELS ABOUT THE SINNER!

1. He Hates Sin.
 2. He cares for the sinner.
 3. He **Hates** Sin, Because it causes the **sinner**, whom He **loves**, to be Lost!!
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GOD SEES AS...

- A. AS A SHEPHERD...WHEN ONE OF HIS FLOCK IS LOST.
 - B. AS A WOMAN WHO HAS LOST PART OF HER LIFE'S SAVINGS.
 - C. AS A FATHER ----- WHO HAS LOST HIS SON!!
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PARABLES, ONE AND TWO

A. THE LOST SHEEP.

1. Why it was lost is not the question.
2. The Results for the sheep - if it is not found.
3. Even a scribe and Pharisee would look for a lost sheep.

B. THE LOST COIN.

1. To fault the woman for losing the coin is to miss the point.
 2. That which meant so much to her is lost. Great value.
 3. A scribe and a Pharisee would look for that which has **value!**
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PRODIGAL SON

A. WHY HE LEFT.

1. For as many reasons as men leave God today.
2. He did have freedom to leave or to stay.
3. He wanted complete freedom - no longer would he be subject to his father's wishes or suggestions.

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4. It was against the father's will, but the younger son was given the liberty to exercise his own judgment.

B. WHAT HE LOST!

1. He lost the fellowship with his father, and those of his fathers house.
2. HE LOST HIS SELF-RESPECT.
3. He lost all he had. (Everything started out seemingly good. Lots of friends and fun. But it all passed away.

C. HIS RETURN.

1. "*He came to himself.*" He saw himself as he really was.
 2. Decision: "*I will arise and go to MY father.*"
 - a. When he saw himself clearly...
 - b. He saw his father in a different light.
 3. Action: Decision without action is of no avail.
 - a. He arose
 - b. He did not put it off.
 4. Confession:
 - a. "*Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you*".
 - b. "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned" (Psalms 51:4).
 5. Humility:
 - a. Not - "you are lucky to have me back: BUT....
 - b. "*I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.*"
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CONCLUSION

A. THE ELDER BROTHER:

1. The Purpose of This Parable.
2. The Pharisees, as this man, would show no joy over the return of the lost.
3. They, As He, WERE:
 - a. Self-Righteous..... "*Lo these many years.....*"
 - b. Jealous. Would not go in and greet his brother..."your son"
 - c. Heartless. Not at all happy that his brother had returned.
4. Can stay at home and still be lost!!

B. DO WE SEE THE SINNER AS DID THE ELDER BROTHER.....OR AS DID THE FATHER???

C. **REMEMBER!!!!** *Rejoicing never took place until that which was lost was FOUND!"*
