

15a *Recovered Joy* Luke 15:1-10

Introduction: Do we sometimes take our health for granted? Have you ever spent some time in the hospital and then got better? How much did you rejoice? Have you ever rooted for your favorite sports team? How loud did you cheer when your team made a great play and scored a run or touchdown?

Review:

1. Repent or Perish; Repent and Live 13a 1-9
2. Kingdom Opposed and Applauded 13b 10-21
3. Strive to Enter In 13c 22-30
4. Live Humbly 14a 1-11
5. When I Have Time 14b 12-24
6. Count the Cost 14c 25-35
7. **Recovered joy 15a 1-10**

I. **Recovered (likely) people 1-2**

- A. Lost people come to Jesus 1
 1. All the **publicans** came near to hear Jesus 1
 2. All the **sinners** came near to hear Jesus 1
- B. Religious people complain 2
 1. The **Pharisees** murmur 2
 2. The **scribes** murmur 2
 - a. This man **receives** sinners 2
 - b. This man **eats with** sinners 2
 - c. Smells, tracts dirt in, a little loud, doesn't know how to act in church
3. **Rev 3:20**

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II. Recovered sheep 3-7

A. Lost 3-4

1. Jesus gives them a parable 3
2. **Gone** 4
 - a. What man of you (people that understood how to care for sheep) 4
 - b. That has **100 sheep** 4
 - c. He **loses one** sheep (1%) 4
3. **Searching** 4
 - a. Will not **leave the 99** in the wilderness 4
 - b. And **go after** that which is lost 4
 - c. **Until he finds** the one lost sheep? 4

B. Recovered 5-6

1. When you find that sheep 5
2. You **lay it on your shoulders** (picture of carrying it for a distance) 5
3. **You rejoice** as you carry it home 5
 - a. Invite others to help you rejoice 6
 - 1) When you get home you call together your **friends** 6
 - 2) You call together your **neighbors** 6
 - b. Rejoice with me 6
 - 1) For **I have found** my sheep 6
 - 2) Which was **lost** 6

C. **Likewise**, in heaven 7

1. **Repentant** 7
 - a. There shall be **joy in heaven** 7
 - b. over one sinner that repents 7
2. **Already just** (indirect appl.--or just thinks they are just) 7
 - a. More than over **99 just** persons 7
 - b. which **need no repentance** 7

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III. Recovered coin 8-10

A. Lost 8

1. Or what woman that has **10 pieces** of silver 8
2. If she lose one piece (10%) 8
 - a. Does not light a **candle** 8
 - b. And **sweep** the house 8
 - c. And **seek diligently** until she finds it 8

B. Recovered and rejoicing 9

1. When she finds it she calls her **friends and neighbors** 9
2. **Rejoice with me** 9
3. Because **I have found the piece** that I lost 9

C. Likewise 10

1. Likewise there is **joy in the presence of the angels** of God 10
2. Over **ONE sinner that repents** 10

Conclusion: Do we fully comprehend the battle for our soul that is going on? The angels are not only agents of God but also spectators. Observing and rejoicing when we find victory through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Should this knowledge move us forward in our faith? --To strive harder in the battle against temptation to be discouraged or give up?