

Luke 15:1-10. Parables of the Lost Sheep, and of the Lost Piece of Silver.

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The sermon highlights the joy of angels in the salvation of sinners and encourages listeners to prepare themselves for the boundless raptures of heaven.

Scripture: Psalm 30:5, Luke 15:1-10, John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Hebrews 1:14, 1 Peter 1:8, Revelation 21:3

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Description

Favell Lee Mortimer preaches about the tenderness and compassion of Jesus towards sinners, contrasting the reactions of the Pharisees with the joy of the angels over repentant souls. The parables shared by Jesus reveal the depth of God's love and the immense value He places on each individual's repentance and return to Him. The angels, who witnessed Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection, rejoice over every sinner who repents, knowing the infinite love and joy of the Son of God. The future gathering of all the redeemed into the celestial city will bring unimaginable rapture and joy to the heavenly hosts, emphasizing the importance of our response to the salvation of sinners in the present.

Transcript

There is a tenderness in these parables which is not to be found in the discourses we have lately read. When the Savior was at the Pharisee's house, he faithfully reprov'd both the guests and the host; when he was surrounded by the multitude, he solemnly warn'd them; but when he sat in the midst of publicans and sinners, he utter'd the most touching and encouraging words. The Pharisees showed the pride of their hearts, by murmuring because Jesus received sinners into his intimate society. The Lord answer'd their murmurings by relating several parables. He knew their covetous disposition, and that they would understand the joy of finding a lost sheep, or a lost piece of money, though their hearts were too hard to enable them to understand the joy felt by angels at the salvation of a sinner.

Even penitent sinners themselves can hardly believe that angels should care for them. How many penitents have read with astonishment that there is joy among the angels of God over one sinner that repents! Could we have conceived that the recovery of one of our fallen race should interest those glorious beings? Why do they care so much for us? The Son of God, whom they adore, loved us and died for us. They know that He cares for each wanderer, and that He rejoices over each soul that he brings back to his fold. The angels share in the joy of their beloved Lord. They felt with him in his sorrows, and one of them

strengthened him in the garden of Gethsemane. They partake also in his joys; they delight to see the fruit of the travail of his soul. But their joy cannot be compared with His. He is an infinite being, therefore his love and joy are infinite.

And if the repentance of one sinner causes so much joy, what will be felt on account of the salvation of all the Church of God! The mind is overwhelmed at the thought of the boundless raptures of that day. Many joyful emotions have been felt since first the foundation of the earth was laid; the birds have rejoiced at every return of spring; children have smiled each opening morn; the saints have tasted higher delights in their sacred assemblies; and angels have made the heavens ring with their rapturous songs; but all these joys are as a drop compared to the ocean of delight that the glorious company of heaven shall feel, when all the redeemed are gathered together into the celestial city.

Are we prepared to taste these joys? Do we now feel any satisfaction when we hear that a sinner has repented? We might discover our own state in the sight of God by this token--what are the events that occasion us most joy? If we are saved hereafter, we shall be the companions of angels. But if our hearts are not interested in the salvation of sinners, shall we be fit company for them? What a contrast there is between a selfish human creature and a benevolent angel!

How delightful it will be, in ages to come, if we are numbered among the saints, to see the angels who rejoiced over our conversion! They will not forget the happiness they experienced on such occasions, and they will feel their joy complete when they see the pardoned sinner, saved from all his enemies, comforted after all his sorrows, and enclosed in the everlasting arms of his Almighty Savior.

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