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INTRODUCTION

- What we have in Luke the 15th chapter is a parabolical triptych. It intends to say the same thing.
- The central thematic that he's trying to get across in each of these parables is this. I came to seek and save the lost.
- First of all, it tells us what sin is. Secondly, it tells us what sin does. And thirdly, it gives us the remedy for sin.

1 It Tells Us What Sin Is

- Selfishness is the predicate for all sin.
- Sin is not a thing in the world but a selfish choice of one's own person in preference to God.
- It's a willful decision to do something against the command of God.
- Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. And lust, when it hath conceived, bringeth forth sin, and sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
- He bedazzles you. He dangles Bobbles and bangles and beads in front of you in an effort to draw you away.
- Sin is a distiller of hate. Sin is a breeder of crime. Sin is a bar to heaven.

2 It Tells Us What Sin Does: Sin Separates

- The scripture says he began to be in want, and no man gave to him. Where are the groupies?
- Do you know what sin does? Sin separates. It separates everybody from God.
- You can become so separated that nobody will have anything to do with you. That's what sin will do to you.
- The most beautiful part of the parable is he came to himself.
- Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
- Just as you come to consciousness, you can come to conscience.

3 The Remedy for Sin: Go Home to the Father

- What is the remedy for sin? Go home to the Father.
- What you do about that separation is you return to the Father from which he left. You go back home to God.
- He looks at the filthy people and he says, if you'll do what I tell you to do, we'll wash all that off.
- The God of the Bible is not some Thor-like character that sits on a big old thundercloud and throws lightning bolts in front of you.

- He will take us as we are if we will truly repent and come to him.

THE CHALLENGE

Everybody needs to do something about his life tonight. While we stand and sing, will you come if you owe him a duty?

MY NOTES