

Lost Coin

Luke 15:8-10; Psalm 8; Book of Jonah
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Introduction

- Tale of the Lost Earring
- Pharisees and Scribes unhappy with Jesus
- Parable of the Lost Sheep: Compassionate heart of God
- All three parables: Celebratory heart of God

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A. The Parable Told

1. The coin as part of the woman's dowry
2. The construction of the houses and the thoroughness of the search

B. The Parable Unfolds: God's Passionate Pursuit of Lost

1. **Everyone has intrinsic value and matters to God!**
 - a. The disregard for human life
 - 1) In Roman society
 - 2) By the religious leadership
 - 3) In today's world
 - b. Why is man significant?—Psalm 8:2-7
 - 1) God has made man a little lower than the angels—v. 5a
 - 2) God has crowned us with glory and honor—v. 5
 - 3) God has given us dominion over the works of His hands—vv. 6-7
 - 4) God has ordained us to be His worshipers—v. 2
2. **God passionately pursues lost people as illustrated by Jonah**
 - a. The people of Nineveh were Israel's enemies—Amos 5:27; Hosea 11:5-6
 - b. God pursues Jonah, retrieves him, and sends him to Nineveh.
 - c. The Ninevites repent—God's compassion for them
 - d. Jonah's angry at the compassionate heart of God—4:1-4
 - e. God uncovers Jonah's complacent heart: More concerned with creature comfort than with reaching the lost.