

# Parables

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**To the Pharisees and scribes. They're offended that Jesus accepted tax collectors/sinners.**

What did this reveal about their hearts? Mt.23:13, 25, 27, 28

**They were hypocrites; wouldn't repent, believe in Jesus, and blocked those who were!**

In essence, what was their theology? Consequently, what did they conclude??

**Salvation by works. These 'sinners' could never make it! Scribes said God rejected these.**

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**Grace! If you're self-righteous, who needs it! And God would never seek after sinners!**

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What is the pointed question Jesus asks of these Pharisees and scribes? 15:4-6 Implied answer?

**Wouldn't you seek the (1) lost sheep? And the answer is, of course! They would do it!**

How does Jesus then rebuke them? 15:7

**Heaven (God/angels) rejoices over 1 sinner repenting! You grumble! Sheep, yes; sinner, no!**

What is the similar observation regarding the woman who loses one coin? 15:8-9

**The woman diligently seeks the lost coin and calls everyone to rejoice when it's found.**

And how does Jesus then rebuke them (*again*)? 15:10

**Heaven rejoices over one sinner who repents! Yet you're grumbling! Coin, yes; sinner, no!**

The Scandalous Parable: What's the first *scandalous* thing in the parable? 15:11-12a

**The younger son: I wish you were dead! Don't care for you, family, land. Want cash, now.**

What was the next *scandalous* thing, particularly to the Pharisees? 15:12b

**The father just gave him what he wanted! Legal but unacceptable. Had a funeral for him.**

What's the next *scandalous* thing? 15:13

**The younger son quickly left w/cash, Gentile country, squandered it all on self pleasure.**

What's the next, perhaps the *most, scandalous* thing? 15:20

**His father waiting..., running (shamelessly), embraced him and kissed him. Deserved death**

Then, *finally*, something that the Pharisees identified with. What is it? 15:25-30

**The hard, unforgiving, uncompassionate older brother! Angry w/brother and w/Father!**

How does Jesus, once again, rebuke them? 15:31-32

**The older brother is the Pharisees. Rejoice over found sheep/coin. Scandalized by Grace!!**