

Parables Lesson 21

**He created
you.**

Psalm 139:16–18

16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

**You can embrace
the fact that God
has a purpose for
all your days –
good or bad**

17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

**He knows and
cares about
everything in
your life.**

**Even though it "FELT"
like God wasn't there -
He was actually closer
to him than he ever
knew.**

Genesis 28:

10 Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran.

11 When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep.

12 He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

13 There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of

Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying.

14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.

God wants to use you in His grand plan.

15 I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

16 When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it."

God hasn't forgotten you in fact - He is closer than you think.

4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?

Only something of VALUE is considered lost.

Every sheep that wanders off is extremely valuable to Him.

Distracted

1 Kings 8:22-23

22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven;

23 and he said: "LORD God of Israel, there is no God in heaven above or on earth below like You, who keep Your

covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts.

1 Kings 8:61

61 Let your heart therefore be loyal to the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, as at this day.”

1 Kings 11:1–4

1 But King Solomon loved many foreign women...

2 from the nations of whom the LORD had said to the children of Israel, “You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods.” Solomon clung to these in love.

3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart.

4 For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David.

Living for and representing the Kingdom of God on this earth is supposed to be our first and foremost job.

If you are distracted – you are of no use to the Kingdom of God.

God will use any means necessary in order to find a wayward sheep and get it back home.

Matthew 9

35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

2 Peter 3:9

9 The Lord does not delay and is not tardy or slow about what He promises, according to some people’s conception

of slowness, but He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.

John 3:16

16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.



Genesis 19:1–11

1 Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening...

3 But Lot insisted, so at last they went home with him...

4 But before they retired for the night, all the men of Sodom, young and old, came from all over the city and surrounded the house.

5 They shouted to Lot, "Where are the men who came to spend the night with you? Bring them out to us so we can have sex with them!"

6 So Lot stepped outside to talk to them, shutting the door behind him.

7 "Please, my brothers," he begged, "don't do such a wicked thing.

8 Look, I have two virgin daughters. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do with them as you wish. But please, leave these men alone, for they are my guests and are under my protection."

Genesis 19:30–34

30 Then Lot went up out of Zoarwith his daughters

33 So they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

34 It happened on the next day that the firstborn said to the younger, "Indeed I lay with my father last night; let us make him drink wine tonight also, and you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father."

**Nothing you
have ever
done would
shock God.**

Mark 2:17

17 When Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Luke 5:31-32 Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners"

We would more likely find Him at a thrash metal rock concert looking for the wounded rather than sitting in a pew on Sunday morning amongst the righteous.

Religious

Philippians 3:

6 I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

Acts 9 :3 As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him.

4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?"

5 "Who are you, lord?" Saul asked. And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting!

6 Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Good

Ephesians 2:8–9

8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Romans 3:10

10 As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous— not even one.

What we see as good - God sees as separation from Himself.

You are lost.

3 So He spoke this parable to them, saying:

4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?

5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'

7 I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

We can help lost sheep find their Shepherd