

Treasure Hunt

- What is a chiasm?
- What does the Lord emphasize by arranging the parable of the shepherd as a chiasm?
- How does this parable explain 2 Pet 3:9?
- What is the difference between a sheep that is lost and one that has gone astray?
- How can Luke say that some people “need no repentance”?
- What is the difference between the role of the wilderness/mountains in Luke and in Matthew?
- Why is the Lord leave the outcome of the search in question?
- What parallels can you find between Ezekiel 34 and this parable?

Relations with Other Disciples

18:1-35 Relations with other disciples

1-4 Question and Answer

Q: 1 Who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

A: The Lord divides the question

- 2-3 answers, "Who is in the kingdom?"
- 4 answers, "Who is greatest?"

5-14 Do not give offense

5-9 The Principle

10-14 The Parable: The Wayward Sheep

15-35 Dealing with the sin of others

15-20 The Principle

21-35 The Parable: The Two Debtors

Mat 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom

- all things that **offend**,
- and them which **do iniquity**;

Chiasm in Matt 18:10-14

10 Take heed that ye despise not **one of these little ones**;

for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of **my Father which is in heaven.**

11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was **lost.**

12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be **gone astray,**

doth he not leave the **ninety and nine,**

and **goeth** into the mountains,
and **seeketh** that which is gone astray?

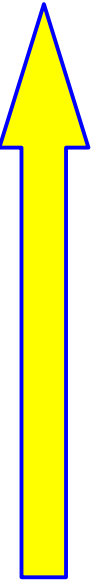
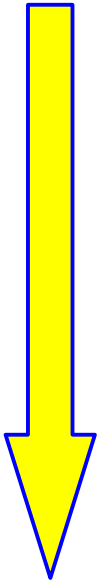
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verily I say unto you, he **rejoiceth** more of that *sheep,*

14 Even so it is not the will of **your Father which is in heaven,** that **one of these little ones**

should **perish [be lost].**

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The Frame: Matt 18:10-11, 14

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Despise not **one of these little ones**:

Luk 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men *are*, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

Their angels:

Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Your **Father**:

5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of **your Father which is in heaven**: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your **Father which is in heaven** is perfect.

Not the will ... that one ... should **perish**

2Pe 3:3 there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation. 5 For this **they** willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of **ungodly men**.

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering **to us-ward**, not willing that any should **perish**, but that all should come to repentance.

Going Astray: Matt 18:12a, 13c

12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be **gone astray**,

which **went not astray**.

Luke: “Be Lost” απολλυμι

Mat 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall **lose** it: and whosoever will **lose** his life for my sake shall find it.

Rom. 2:12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also **perish** without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;

1 Cor. 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that **perish** foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

2 Cor. 2:15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that **perish**:

2 Cor. 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are **lost**:

Matthew: “Go Astray”

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Jas. 1:16 Do not **err**, my beloved brethren.

Jas. 5:19 Brethren, if any of you do **err** from the truth, and one convert him;

The 99, Matt 18:12b, 13b

doth he not leave the **ninety and nine**,

than of the **ninety and nine**

In Matthew: “**went not astray**”

1Co 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

In Luke 15:17: “**need no repentance.**” Compare

Mat 9:11 And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? 12 But when Jesus heard *that*, he said unto them, **They that be whole** need not a physician, but they that are sick. 13 But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call **the righteous**, but sinners to repentance.

The Focus in Matt 18:12b-13a

10 ... one of these little ones ; ... my Father which is in heaven .	14 ... your Father which is in heaven , that one of these little ones should perish [be lost] .
11 ... save that which was lost .	
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“If so be ...”?

Mat 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in **sheep's clothing**, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

1Jo 2:19 They went out from us, but **they were not of us**; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

	Ezekiel 34	Matthew 18
Audience	2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel,	1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus
Abuse by shepherds causes the sheep to go astray	4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them . 5 And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.	6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. 7 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!
Sheep scattered on the mountains	6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains , and upon every high hill:	12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains , ...
Seeking	4 neither have ye sought that which was lost; 8 neither did my shepherds search for my flock 12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, ... 16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and seeketh that which is gone astray?