

three parables of pearl.

all contain:

I. Something lost.

1. Lost sheep. uncle John Vassar, the "shepherd's dog."
2. Lost coin - significance of the wedding coins.
3. Lost son - Prodigal Son.

(4) Lost sinners. often don't like for Bible to show them their lost condition. Little girl, sweeping cottage floor, said, "mother, pull the blind down; the sunlight makes the room so dusty."

II. Something Sought.

1. By the shepherd. "there were ninety + nine"
2. By the woman - Lady who lost ring in gutter.
3. By the Father.

(4) Sinners sought by the Savior.

- A. through gospel preaching
- B. through christian prayers
- C. through providential circumstances

III. Something Found

1. through the Shepherd's care.
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2. through the Woman's diligence.
3. through the Father's Forgiveness
4. sinners found through God's grace & mercy
- old woman who heard ~~remorse~~ on lost sheep

IV. Some Great Rejoicing

1. Among the Shepherd's Friends. v. 6.
2. Among the woman's neighbors. v. 9.
3. Among the Father's household. v. 27, 29
4. Joy among the angels of heaven
over one sinner that repenteth. v. 7, 10.

an old hunter in forests hunting beaver just
as the ice began to break up in march.

Found lost man, took him home.

If the Queen had ordered out all her soldiers,
the angels of heaven would not have stopped to notice.
If all the princes of earth had marched in pageant
through the streets, if all the pomp of ancient
kingdoms of Egypt, Babylon, Assyria, Greece, Rome,
had risen from the tomb & concentrated into
one great parade, yet not an angel would have noticed
But angels rejoice over one penitent sinner!

2. A. There are two ways of watching:
 (1) watching for a thing we fear.
 (2) " " " " " " love.
B. We are all commanded to watch
 all of the time.

C. James Vaughan said,
 "Oh, it is such a pleasant thing
 to watch, — pleasant to go up on
 the high mount of prophecy,
 and turn the telescope of inspiration
 down the road where He will come:
 pleasant in every trouble to feel,
 in a moment He may come
 and cut this trouble very short:
 pleasant in every fear, however deep,
 to think Christ's coming may be
 nearer than we might fear:
 pleasant, to feel, — when the world
 knocks at your door, to say,
 "I am keeping place for Jesus,
 and I cannot let you in."
 pleasant, in some work to have
 conscience say, "I think my dear
 master would like to find me here."
 pleasant, when all is happy,
 to double the happiness with
 the thought, "And He, too,
 will soon be here."
 Pleasant to make up every morning & think,
 "what can I do today to prepare the way for myavior."

2. D. The greatest peril is that we should be found sleeping instead of watching.

(1) Danger of sleeping at the post sailor whose job it was to see that the anchor held in the rocks so the ship did not drift.

(2) Soldier in Pompey who remained a faithful sentinel at his post when the lava of mt. Vesuvius came all over the city.

Let us be found at our post,
wherever God has placed us,
when Jesus comes back from His
Journey.