

Luke 15: 4-6, 8-10	
<p>4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?</p>	<p>The owner of the flock is our Lord Himself, the Good Shepherd</p> <p>the flock is His church, embracing men of all kinds</p> <p>ninety and nine are those who seem to be righteous, like the Pharisees</p> <p>he one sheep that is lost and is found, is all truly penitent sinners</p> <p>loss of even one animal would be a serious matter” (<i>IB</i> 8.265).</p>
<p>5And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.</p>	<p>action was necessary because a stray sheep would lie helpless and would not move on its own, even if prodded” (<i>AB Luke x-xxiv.1077</i>)</p>
	<p>The Parable of The Lost Sheep, with the moral of it, occurs again and is also recorded in Matt. 18:12-14; but there it is to show how precious one of his sheep is to the good Shepherd;</p>
	<p>On his shoulders. Lit., his <i>own</i> shoulders. The ‘Good Shepherd’ is a favorite subject in early Christian art. ‘We cannot go through any part of the catacombs, or turn over the pages of any collection of ancient Christian monuments, without coming across it again and again.</p>
<p>6And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.</p>	<p>there is more joy over one sinner whose heart is changed than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need for repentance”</p>

