



[A] woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Luke 15:8-9 (KJV)

The Bible uses the Greek word drachme {pronounced drakh-may} for silver. A drachma is a Greek silver coin that in biblical days, was worth a day's wages. Palestinian women also would receive 10 silver pieces for their wedding. So not only were these valuable bit of coins, but they were also very sentimental coins. To loose one of these coins would be like loosing a wedding ring today.

Jesus uses this story, or parable, to illustrate how it is when a sinner repents. Mankind is precious to the Lord, and when one goes astray, it is a terrible thing. However, when one is found (repents of one's sins and accepts Jesus as one's savior), then the angels rejoice, just as the woman rejoices over finding her coin or ring.

As the old song says, "I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see."

Isn't it wonderful how joyous the angels are when a lost soul is found and led back into the flock? How happy would our churches be if we shared Jesus' love and concern for the lost?