


A Forgiven Sinner Loves Jesus and Lavishes Hospitality

Luke 7:36 - 50


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A Pharisee invites Jesus to a formal banquet

■ **Luke 7:36**

Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him. And He entered the Pharisee's house, and reclined at the table.



A known sinner joins the banquet

■ **Luke 7:37**

And behold, there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume,

■ **Luke 7:34b**

"... a friend of tax-gatherers and sinners!"



She behaves in a shocking way!

■ **Luke 7:38**

and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet, and anointing them with the perfume.



The Pharisee assumes that a prophet would not associate with the wicked

■ **Luke 7:39**

Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner."



A parable about forgiveness

■ **Luke 7:40 - 42**

And Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he replied, "Say it, Teacher." "A moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. So which of them will love him more?"



The Pharisee answers correctly

■ **Luke 7:43**

Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have judged correctly."



The woman fulfilled the role that he failed to fulfill as was his duty

■ **Luke 7:44**

Turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair."



She takes the role of the host and lavishes honor upon Jesus

■ **Luke 7:45, 46**

"You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet. You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume."



Her actions are out of gratitude for
“release” from sins

■ **Luke 7:47**

“For this reason I say to you, her sins,
which are many, have been forgiven, for
she loved much; but he who is forgiven
little, loves little.”



Another incident that shows Jesus’
authority to “release” people from their sins

■ **Luke 7:48, 49**

Then He said to her, “Your sins have been
forgiven.” Those who were reclining at the
table with Him began to say to themselves,
“Who is this man who even forgives sins?”



The woman’s status is described as
forgiven, saved, and having peace

■ **Luke 7:50**

And He said to the woman, “Your faith has
saved you; go in peace.”



Applications

- 1) Do not presume to know other's motives
- 2) We love because we have been released from sin
- 3) Understand the nature of salvation



- 1) Do not presume to know other's motives

■ **1Corinthians 4:5**

Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.



- 2) We love because we have been released from sin

■ **1John 4:10**

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.



2) We love because we have been released from sin

■ **1John 4:17a, 18, 19**

By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; . . . There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us.



2) We should respond to God's revealed purpose and repent

■ **Luke 15:7**

I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.



2) We should respond to God's revealed purpose and repent

■ **Acts 17:30**

Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent,



3) Understand the nature of salvation

■ **Romans 5:8, 9**

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.



3) Understand the nature of salvation

■ **Romans 5:10, 11**

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.



3) Understand the nature of salvation

The Tenses of Salvation

- Past – Saved from the penalty of sin
- Present – Saved from the power of sin
- Future – Saved from the presence of sin