

5. Why were the woman's sins forgiven according to Luke 7:47?

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6. Why is being honest with God so important?

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7. How did the woman's humility differ from the Pharisee's outlook? What would that look like today?

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8. How will our lives be affected if we fail to learn to be humble about our own sins or if love others in spite of their failures?

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9. Describe the woman's heart and actions toward Jesus that revealed her love for Him.

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sermon notes

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SERMON SERIES: DINNER WITH JESUS

TODAY'S SERMON: WORSHIP CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 7:36-50 (NKJV)

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind *Him* weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped *them* with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed *them* with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw *this*, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman *this is* who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

Luke 7:36-39 (NKJV)

TWO PEOPLE WHO SHARE AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS:

1. The woman is untouchable according to religious people.
2. The Pharisee is untouchable because he made himself untouchable. What was her sin?

- The woman worshiped boldly.
- The woman worshiped humbly.
- The woman worshiped honestly.
- The woman worshiped extravagantly.

God isn't asking you to make promises that you cannot keep. He's asking you to receive promises that only He can keep.

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Luke 7:39 (NKJV)

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 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you."

So he said, "Teacher, say it."

"There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"

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

Luke 7:40-43 (NKJV)

Love and forgiveness go hand in hand.

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 Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, *which are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little."

Luke 7:44-47 (NKJV)

- The Pharisee was counting on his own goodness.
- The woman was counting on God's mercy.

We must look through Christ when we look at others. Do you know why God doesn't tell us what her sin was? Because it's none of our business!

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 Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

Luke 7:48-50 (NKJV)

Love is always attractive!

study notes

1. In Luke 7:36-50, how is the woman described, and how did the Pharisee view her?

2. This passage never actually specifies her sins. Do they matter?

3. Discuss the differences between how people see themselves, how others see them, and how Jesus sees them. What keeps us from seeing others as Jesus sees them?

4. What would motivate someone to be so bold?