

Jesus Forgives a Woman

Parable of the Two Debtors (Lk. 7:40-50)

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➤ Intro:

- **Lk. 7:40-50** Jesus forgives a woman
- **tell the story** of the two debtors, Simon and the woman (Lk. 7:40-50)
 - **What can we learn from the parable of the two debtors?**

➤ Jesus has something to tell you. (vs. 40)

- **Lk. 7:40** Jesus has said it today, our choice is whether to listen and obey
- **Heb. 5:9** (saved) And having been made perfect, He became to **all those who obey** Him the **source of eternal salvation**,
- **Are you listening to Jesus in your life? — it will save your life, physically and spiritually**
 - **illus.: California Firestorm Makes Hesitation Fatal** (from USA today)
 - **illus.: Lot's sons-in-law**, not take serious, not urgent, thought he was joking, died, could have been saved

➤ People forgiven of more sin, naturally love God more. (vs. 41-42, 47)

- **Lk. 7:41-43, 47** forgiven of more, love more in return — sinned more, need forgiveness more badly, live more
- **illus.: parable of the prodigal son**, which one loved his father more at the point of prodigal son repented
 - **Lk. 15:20-21** what he said to his father — loved much, forgiven of much
 - **Lk. 15:22-24** what his father did
 - **Lk. 15:28** brother's reaction, anger — loved little at that moment, forgiven of little
- **We must realize that we've all been forgiven of much — price, Jesus on the cross!**
 - **love God as much as the worst sinner** to ever live
 - **have same attitude of the woman** who washed Jesus feet with tears and wiped with hair
 - **illus.: Paul — 1 Tim. 1:15b I am chief** of sinners

➤ Their attitude toward Jesus was seen through their actions. (vs. 44-47)

- **Lk. 7:44-47** Simon didn't / the woman did
 - **picture: man doing nothing / woman crying and weeping, tears, wiping feet with hair**
- **Matt. 7:15-20** tree known by its fruit — know ourselves by our fruit, others know us by our fruit
- **result: others glorify God**
 - **Matt. 5:16** light shine, men see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven

➤ **characteristics displayed by the woman**

- **humility** - wash Jesus feet

- **toward God:** heaven will have the people who know they're there because of God's grace (gift - Rom. 3:23; 6:23), not because they deserve it
- **toward people:** put others first (love)
- **Lk. 18:9-14** humility, story of 2 men praying, Jew and Gentile - different attitudes

- **gratefulness and thankfulness** - tears

- **attitude**
- **our response:** prayer, affect it has upon us with everything we say and do
- **Lk. 17:11-19** relate incident where Jesus healed several guys, but only one came back and thanked him

- **worshipful servitude toward God** - wash and kiss and anoint His feet

- **attitude**
- **result:** we want to serve and worship God and do everything we can for His cause
 - Rom. 12:1-2 sacrifice self for the good of God's kingdom
 - **illus.: woman**, washed Jesus feet with her tears, wiped with her hair, kiss and anoint feet

- **faith** - confidently trust and obey

- **attitude**
- **go to Jesus** for salvation, explicitly **trust and obey**

➤ **Summary / Inv.**

- **what was the difference between Simon and the forgiven woman**

- **faith:** we must have faith like the woman, not like Simon

- **key for us:**

- **live like we have been forgiven of much**, not compare ourselves with others
- **Heb. 10:26, 28-29** understand the severity of your sin, even if it is a "little" sin

- **What is your view of yourself?**

- like Simon, or like the woman who washed Jesus feet with tears and hair

- **inv.**

- Jesus forgave the woman because of her faith - He'll forgive you because of your faith - obey