

I. Love's Intensity - Luke 7:40-43

1. Addressed Simon specifically (**verse 40**)
 - at Simon's home - a Pharisee
 2. Two "Simons" (Mt. 26:6-13; Mk. 14:3-9; John 12:18)
 - one a Pharisee - Galilee
 - one a leper - Bethany
 3. Gives Simon a parable -
 - Rea -implies that Simon was "teachable" - even though a Pharisee
 - Rea -so Jesus loves even the Pharisee?
 4. A certain creditor (**verse 41**)
 - two debtors
 - 1) one owed 100 pence - overwhelming debt
 - 2) one owed 50 pence - two months wages
 5. They had nothing to pay so the creditor forgave them both (**verse 42**)
 - no indication as to why the debts were forgiven
 6. Jesus' question -which will love him most?
 - anyone would respond with gratitude and love
 7. Simon's answer - I suppose the one who received the most (**verse 43**)
 - Rea -one who was aware of the most forgiveness??
- Ideas and Questions:**
1. The intent of Jesus was to teach Simon something
 - the intent of all parables
 2. Deals with the well-springs of love
 - where does the love come from - why do some love more than others?
 3. Note that both had a debt - but truthfully some need forgiveness more than others??
 4. It does not deal with why God forgives us - but just that we need forgiveness

II. Love Demonstrated - Luke 7:44-47

1. See this woman? (**Verse 44**)
 - Jesus noted her acts of service
 - she washed my feet
 - she wiped them with her hair
 - she anointed his feet with oil
 - She broke all protocols (social)
2. Contrasts her actions with that of Simon (**verse 45**)
 - You (on the other hand)
 - gave me no kiss
 - she kissed my feet
 - she anointed me (**verse 46**)
3. Wherefore (**verse 47**)
 - Rea -turns the corner in the parable to give the application
 - her sins (which have been many) are forgiven
4. The principle
 - Those who are forgiven much, love much

Those who are forgiven little, love little

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. Simon was concerned about her sinfulness - but she seems not to care at all about Simon's sins
2. Pharisaical attitude is always consumed with the sins of others
3. Does this mean that big sinners see their need? Better than "little" sinners?
4. Don't get beyond this - Jesus loved and cared for them both
-just as the prodigal's father loved both his sons - not just the faithful brother
5. God loves those who are not in church as much as those who are in church

III. Love and Faith - Luke 7:48-50

1. Your sins are forgiven (**verse 48**)
- Rea -one wonders if it was socially okay to even speak to her
2. They that say with them questioned Jesus ability to forgive sins (**verse 49**)
-they were challenging His right to forgive sins
-only God can forgive sins
- Rea 3. These are now judging Jesus instead of this woman
4. Go in peace (**verse 50**) - again to the woman
 - A. Faith has saved you
 - B. We are saved by faith - Eph. 2:8
 - C. Simon nor guests had this type faith
- Rea D. This means that Simon and his guests were not forgiven because they did not see their need to be forgiven
-in John 9 Jesus said that the whole need no physician - if the Pharisees there had seen that they were blind they could be made whole
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. Those of us who deal daily with the "holy" forget our own need of forgiveness
 2. Brings up the issue of who finds God? - who is in relationship with God? - those at church?
 3. God resists the proud - plainly taught in scripture
-He gives grace to the humble
 4. She sees her need so she receives of Jesus what all of them needed

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