

“The Parables # 3”

Luke 7:36 – 50... (Parable of Two Debtors)

Purpose for Parables: Luke 8: 9 – 10

- *With each parable Jesus is teaching one thing.*
- *Doesn't overwhelm with unnecessary information.*
- *Simple yet profound.*

Text...

- **V's 36 - 37...** A little background and custom of the day.

ESV: *“One of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him, and He went into the Pharisee's house and **reclined at table**. And behold a woman of the city, who was a sinner, **when she learned that He was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house**, brought an alabaster flask of ointment.”*

- Custom of the day... when a banquet was held.
- Anointing head with oil, washing of feet, greeting with a kiss.
- Strangers were welcome, sat on the outer edges of the banquet hall or house room.

V's 44 – 46... Read

- Obviously, this Pharisee though he invited Jesus to dine with him, had some contempt for Jesus.
- May have invited Jesus to disprove Him or challenge Him.
- **Question Him... healing, casting out devils, forgiving sins!**

V 39... (The truth was that his pride was a greater sin than this woman's)

V47 – 50 [*She recognized her sinfulness and as a result when forgiveness was given, she Loved Much!*]

V50 – A more accurate translation...

“Then He said to the woman. Your faith has saved you go into peace”

- What’s that mean, what’s the significance?
- Go into an ever-increasing experience of Gods peace and grace.
- As we confess our sins and repent for our failures, we experience an ever-increasing peace...

Close with a quote from Lloyd John Ogilvie:

*“We hold the awesome power to refuse or receive. Our forgiveness has been settled once and for all on the cross. We do not confess in order to be forgiven, but because we have been already. If we allow God to forgive us, we will feel a burst of gratitude. How can we thank Him for forgiving us? Jesus told us. **What we do and say to others we do and say to Him.** The way the woman cared for Jesus; is the way we are to care for people. We will never be able to do enough. **Costly involvement, listening with love, forgiveness as we have been forgiven, second chances when they are least deserved, sacrificial giving of our resources for practical help, sharing the hope we have discovered in the gospel** – **all are ways to anoint the feet of Jesus.**”*

“That’s how to be a lover. The more our Lord forgives us, the more we will become sensitive, compassionate, open, and forgiving lovers. Our world desperately needs people whose gratitude has made them communicators of grace.”

“He who is forgiven much... Loves much.”