

## Grateful Service

Luke 10:40-50

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**Passage Context/Background**- Luke's gospel was written to a gentile audience (1:1) to prove that Jesus is the promised Messiah for Israel, the Son of God who became the Son of Man. At this part of Luke's narrative, he highlights Jesus's public ministry in Galilee to provide further evidence that Jesus is the Messianic Son of man through his teachings and miracles. Although Jesus performed the miracles of the Messiah, the Jews rejected Him because of their hard hearts.

### Homiletical Outline

#### I. Jesus Continues to Teach the Pharisees (vs. 40-43)

A. Jesus tells Simon the Parable – Jesus answering Simon is a statement of His deity as the Son of God.

1. Who is Simon?

a. Simon was a Pharisee of the Nation of Israel (vs. 36).

1) As a whole, the leaders of Israel rejected God's purpose for themselves (vs. 30).

2) While Israel rejected Jesus, the Gentiles believed in Him (vs. 29).

3) Jesus allowed a sinner to touch him, which Simon thought proved He wasn't a prophet (vs. 37-39).

4) Simon's Problem

· If Jesus were a prophet

§ He would have known she was a sinner

· Therefore, He would not let her touch Him.

· He let her touch Himself.

§ Therefore, He does not know who she is.

· Therefore, He is not a prophet (his thinking represented all of Israel's thinking). Israel couldn't believe in Jesus because He did not fit with them (5:37-39).

2. The Parable

<b>Moneylender has two people (debtors) who owe him money:</b>		
<b>Amount Owed</b>	50 Denarii	500 Denarii
<b>Ability to Pay</b>	Unable to Pay	Unable to Pay
<b>Moneylender's Decision</b>	Graciously Forgiven	Graciously Forgiven
<b>Debtors' Choice</b>	Loves Little	Loves Much

<b>God has two kinds of believers (debtors) in His Kingdom</b>		
<b>Amount Owed</b>	Thinks he/she owes little (Self-Righteous)	Knows he/she owes God everything
<b>Ability to Pay</b>	Unable to Pay	Unable to Pay
<b>God's Decision</b>	Graciously Forgiven	Graciously Forgiven
<b>Believers' Decision</b>	Loves Little	Loves Much

a. Simon was able to judge the parable correctly because he did not know that the parable was about him.

II. **Service reflects the Heart (44-47)**

A. The Difference between Simon and the Woman

1. Jesus turned towards the woman and away from Simon

<b>The Woman</b>	<b>Simon</b>
<b>She wet Jesus' feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair</b>	<b>Jesus entered his house, and he gave him no water</b>
<b>She never stopped kissing the feet of Jesus</b>	<b>He gave Jesus no kiss.</b>
<b>She anointed Jesus feet with oil</b>	<b>He did not anoint Jesus head with oil.</b>
<b>She is the debtor in the parable who was forgiven much and loved much!</b>	<b>Which one was he?</b>

2. Were her sins forgiven because of her works, or did she work because her sins have been forgiven?

a. Jesus says he who is forgiven little loves little. Therefore, forgiveness leads to the service rather than the service leading to the forgiveness.

### III. **Jesus is more than a prophet; He is the Son of God (vs.48-50)**

A. Jesus verbally declares to the woman in the presence of everybody at the table that her sins are forgiven.

1. Jesus' verbal declaration of her forgiveness left those at the table questioning who He is.

a. They rightfully believed that only God could forgive sins (Lk. 5:21).

b. They could not see Jesus as a prophet let alone the son of God.

c. Without seeing Him as He is, they did not have peace with God as the woman did.

B. Lesson from the Woman

1. She knew she was a sinner.

2. She likely knew that the Pharisees viewed her as a sinner and looked down on her, yet when she heard Jesus was there, she still went to the Pharisees' home.

3. She served Jesus in the midst of people who did not like her because she knew she was a sinner and had been forgiven for much.

4. Her faith saved her, and she could leave being at peace with God.

### IV. **Principles and Applications from the Passage**

A. Biblical Principles:

1. Jesus is more than a prophet; He is the Son of God.

2. Salvation is by grace through faith and not works (Eph. 2:8).

3. Forgiveness and peace are the results of salvation.

4. Love is the evidence of forgiveness.
5. Humble service is the mark of a grateful heart.

B. Applications (do these this week):

1. Pray and ask God to reveal to you any way that you have been hard hearted towards Him and repent from it.
2. Recognize, in any way, that your salvation has resulted in you being forgiven and at peace with God. Do not allow your sins or thoughts to detract from that fact.
3. Love and serve God (His people and His church) with a grateful heart.