

- I) V36-50 INTRO: Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with Him And He went to the Pharisee's
  - a) FACT: This passage answers a question we all have asked: *What is God like*
  
- II) GOD FORGIVES SIN: Because He is by nature compassionate
  - a) NO MATTER: *How terrible* the sin is: What is worse then *killing God's Son?*
  - b) NO MATTER: *How long* one has sinned: Even a lifetime filled with it (Volume) Not too late!
    - 1) Thief on the cross is a good example
  - c) NO MATTER: *What kind* of sin, God is able and willing to forgive:
    - 1) 1 Jn 1:7: But if we walk in the light...from *all sin*
  
- III) V36 THEN: One of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him
  - a) Simon was a conservatively religious man, a Pharisee by denomination
  
- IV) V36 NOTICE: Simon *asked* (compelled, begged) Him to eat with him
  - a) Why would Simon compel Him to eat with him
    - 1) *CURIOSITY*: Perhaps he had heard of Him (Nicodemus)
    - 2) *INTERESTING*: We had a Woman thinking church was a yard sale
  
- V) SECOND: Courtesy to Jesus
  - a) People often politely listen when the message of the gospel is shared
    - 1) Dedication service: 10 members of the family received Christ.
  
- VI) THIRD: Perhaps he wanted to criticize Jesus
  - a) It may be that he wanted to observe Him with the purpose of making an accusation
    - 1) Lu 6:7 The scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely whether He would heal on the Sabbath that they might find an accusation against Him.
    - 2) Car salesman, accusation of Pastors all being thieves
  
- VII) KEY: His motives were not important to Jesus
  - a) He accepted the invitation gladly, because He had come to seek and save those who were lost
    - 1) Lu 5:29-32 Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners? Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.
  
- VIII) V37 AND BEHOLD: A woman in the city who was a sinner when she knew that Jesus sat at the table
  - a) SHE IS UNNAMED: Possibly for at least two reasons
    - 1) *FIRST*: To save her from future embarrassment because in Jesus, old things pass away!
    - 2) *SECOND*: Because she represents *all of us*
  
- IX) IT WOULD SEEM: This woman had possibly *already* heard His message
  - a) *She had more than likely already accepted His invitation*
    - 1) Mt 11:28-30 *Come to Me*, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Take My yoke upon you*, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

- I) SHE ENTERS SIMON'S HOME: And begins searching the room for Jesus
  - a) In spite of her reputation and obvious discomfort, she found and approached Jesus
    - 1) QUESTION: What caused her to put away her shame and to even come into that room
- II) SIMPLY PUT: *He radiated Love*
  - a) This is what the body of Christ is supposed to be like: a loving group of people
    - 1) RED FREAK AT DOWNEY 1<sup>ST</sup> (Jn 13:34-35)
- III) V38 SHE: Stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears
  - a) Jesus, as was typical for Jews at a meal, was reclining
- IV) V38 NOTICE: In an act of gratitude and worship, she begins to cry, and humbles herself
  - a) *She kisses Jesus' feet*, which is an obvious sign of humility, devotion, and service
    - 1) She kissed the feet that brought her *freedom*.
    - 2) Ro 10:15 How beautiful *are the feet of those who* preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
- V) V39 NOW: When the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this he spoke *to himself* saying
  - a) Simon's thoughts were revealed (to Jesus, and to us!)
    - 1) Ps 90:8 You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.
- VI) IT WOULD SEEM: That he had heard of Jesus' reputation as a "prophet"
  - a) Simon thought Jesus couldn't be a prophet because He could not see the obvious
    - 1) In this his own self-righteousness is revealed
- VII) V40-48 AND: Jesus answered and said to him Simon I have something to say to you
  - a) IN ANSWER TO SIMON'S SILENT QUESTION: Jesus reveals He can discern character
    - 1) KEY: One owed *much*, the other owed *little*: But both were debtors
    - 2) Pr 20:9 Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin"?
- VIII) V42 THE KEY: And when they had nothing with which to repay he freely forgave *them both*
  - a) We cannot purchase salvation: We must humbly, by faith, receive it as the gift that it is
    - 1) 1 Pe 1:18-19 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.
- IX) V44 THEN: He turned to the woman and said to Simon *Do you see this woman*
  - a) OPEN REBUKE: *Do you see*: Have you taken the time to closely consider her
    - 1) THE FACT IS: Simon, you've only seen *the outside*, you need to see her heart
    - 2) Jesus compares *his* indifference with *her* devotion
- X) V47 THEREFORE: I say to you her sins which are many *are forgiven* for she loved much
  - a) KEY: Forgiveness produces a response of love, which is the foundation of *service to God*
    - 1) 2 Co 5:14 For the love of Christ constrains us
    - 2) THE FACT: Simon's indifference to Jesus demonstrated that he had no love for God in him
    - 3) 1 Jn 4:8 He who does not love *does not know God*, for God is love.

- I) V49-50 AND: Those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves Who is this
  - a) They more than likely think that Jesus is blaspheming because only God forgives sins
    - 1) But Jesus did have the authority to forgive sins
    - 2) Lu 5:24 The Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins
  
- II) SADLY: Many have failed to recognize depth of their sin, and do not know the depth of God's love
  - a) HOW TO LOVE GOD MORE: LOOK INTO HIS FACE: Carin