

## AF A9 BIBLE STUDY: “A Sinner’s Worship” Luke 7

Scripture of Lesson: Luke’s Gospel 7: 36-50

### 1. The story: A sinner woman comes uninvited, worships the Lord and obtains forgiveness of her sins

- a. Simon, the Pharisee:
  - i. Invited the Lord and His party to a dinner at his house – a possible convert who needed to learn a lesson on forgiveness and proper worship
  - ii. Critical of this woman initially but was corrected by the Lord.
- b. Parable of indebtedness and forgiveness
  - i. Two persons with debts: One owed five hundred pence, the other fifty
  - ii. Which of these would love the creditor most?
  - iii. Why would the creditor forgive the debts of these people? Human creditor and God
  - iv. Gratefulness → Love → Worship

### 2. What were in the sinner woman’s heart that prompted this act?

- a. I am a sinner; I cannot go on sinning; I need cleansing/ forgiveness of my sins.
- b. Jesus Christ is in town; He has the power to forgive my sins; I must go to Him today.
- c. I must come with a true repentant heart, show utmost adoration and worship of the Son of God; I must give Him the best I have [alabaster box of ointment].

### 3. What were the results?

- a. Forgiveness to the woman: “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”
  - i. Do I not need the same forgiveness?
  - ii. Wherever the gospel is preached, the Lord Jesus is there to forgive you and the same message of forgiveness can be yours if you come to Him in the same spirit as this woman.
- b. The woman’s example demonstrated a true penitent spirit and true worship – a wonderful example for Christians in all ages. Who benefited/ should benefit from this episode?
  - i. The disciples – Luke recorded this event from those who were present.
  - ii. Simon the Pharisee – He did not even kiss the Lord when He entered His house; but revealed what was in his heart to others later [v. 39].
  - iii. All who read this story – us in the 21<sup>st</sup> story.

*Discussion points:*

1. *Have you been forgiven of your sins?*