

The Dinner, The Sinner, And The Soul Winner

Luke 7:36-50

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No mention of time / place

Connected to preceding context

- 30: smug Pharisees
- 34: sinners

Simon – why invite Jesus? (Pharisees usually unfriendly to Him.) 36-39

Jesus – did not make enemies of opponents

37-38

Notorious woman

Alabaster jar

Uninvited

- Pharisees' house (Jn.8)
- Costly gift . . . tears

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Two things bother Simon

Woman's boldness – Lord's tolerance

- 'This' - contempt
- He must not be prophet (16-17)
- Everyone knew her sins

“What if she bought perfume with immoral earnings?”

40-42

'Answered' – heard Pharisee thinking
Denarius (Mt.20:2)

- 500 days vs 50 days

Jesus answers Simon's
thoughts (1 Co.2:11)

Owed 500

Owed 50

Ability 0

**Jesus is Simon's Guest,
but the woman's Savior**

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Simon understood money

Great love follows great forgiveness.
Little love follows little forgiveness.

44-47

Jesus exposes Simon's shameful neglect (common acts of hospitality)

Woman provided what Simon neglected

1. Water – tears
2. Kiss – feet
3. Oil – precious perfume (Jn.12:3)

Love follows forgiveness (41-42)

48-49

Announcement: woman was forgiven
(past act, abiding results)

- Present condition: saved
- Reaction as in Lk.5:21

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Instead of worrying about Pharisees,
Jesus focuses on the woman

I. Some Are Like The Woman

1. Sinner with eternal debt

Takes only one sin

Cross suggests horror of sin

- All are debtors, Mt.6:12

- All are unable to pay, Mt.18

- All need forgiveness, Mt.18

1. Sinner with eternal debt.
2. Some sinners are deeper in debt than others

- Romans 2:5, 'treasury'
- 1 Thes.2:15-16
 - Fill up to the full (Gn.15)

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3. **Some show thanks for salvation, give best to Savior**

- 1 Cor.15:9-10
- 1 Jn.4:19

I. Some Are Like The Woman

II. Some Are Like Simon

Spiritual giant; deep disdain for others – even Jesus

- No mercy, no compassion. 15:28...
- Sinners who need most mercy often refuse it to others
- Does not appreciate forgiveness; gives no joyful service

Simon did not know . . .

- **Woman:** God saved her; Simon condemns her
- **Jesus:** if Simon had truly known Him, would have fallen at His feet . . .
- **Himself:** Simon is in clutches of Serpent

I. Some Are Like The Woman

II. Some Are Like Simon

III. Some Are Like Jesus

Simon saw a sinner; Jesus sees...

Courage

Humility

Thanksgiving

Repentance

Love

¹David, 2 Sm.12:1-7

²Peter, Mk.14:26-31

³RYR, Lk.18

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Lord did not excuse her sins

Some preach a counterfeit –

1. Lord, 2 Cor.11:4

2. Love, 2 Sm.12:13 / 13

Simon saw a sinner
Lord did not excuse her sins
Seek and save the lost

Jesus praised the most notorious
woman in town (?)

Lk.19:10, at home with most unpop-
ular man in town (?)

