



Debtor's Thanksgiving

Debt is something that is owed, whether money or an obligation

God is the Maker and sustainer of all things and therefore all creatures owe everything to him.

Everyone is in debt to God as Creator

Everyone is in debt to God as law-giver

Believers are in debt to God as Redeemer

Indebtedness to God affects our attitude to others



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Luke 7:36-50

This event reinforces Jesus' willingness to associate with sinners and His right to forgive sin.

Luke 7:47 "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."

Luke 7:50 "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."



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Luke 7:36–50

Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him, and He entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, ³⁸and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner."



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Luke 7:36–50

⁴⁰And Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he replied, “Say it, Teacher.” ⁴¹“A moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²“When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. So which of them will love him more?” ⁴³Simon answered and said, “I suppose the one whom he forgave more.” And He said to him, “You have judged correctly.” ⁴⁴Turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵“You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet.



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⁴⁸Then He said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.”

⁴⁹Those who were reclining at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this man who even forgives sins?”

⁵⁰And He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”



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Repentance

Why is she weeping?

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“Sin is more frequently the mother of sorrow than all the other pains of life put together.”



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Repentance

Jesus doesn't redeem achievers; He only redeems failures.

God the Father doesn't exclusively love winners but losers.

That's good news, because all that really exists are losers and failures.



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Faith

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Why does the woman do all the things for Jesus?



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2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1 John 2:1–2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.



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Love

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Forgiven little, loving little

Simon asked Jesus to come to him on his terms

Simon did not give Jesus water for his feet

Simon did not give Jesus a kiss in greeting

Simon did not anoint Jesus' head with oil

Forgiven much, loving much

She came to Jesus with everything (His terms).

She has wet Jesus' feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair (humble service).

She kept kissing Jesus' feet (devotion and love).

She anointed Jesus' feet with perfume (faith and honor).



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Peace and Thanksgiving

Luke 7:50 "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

She is saved and can go in peace; her life is changed by Jesus.

A Caution: Her weeping, repentance, faith and love do not save her in themselves. Jesus Christ saves her by suffering her debt, she receives the salvation and peace through her faith in Him.



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Some questions

How much do I believe I owe God?

1 Cor 4:7

How can I show this depth of love to Jesus?

Rom 12:1, John 14:21

Has my faith in Jesus saved me and can I go in peace?

John 16:33, John 10:10, John 10:27-28

