

Two Debtors

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INTRODUCTION:

- i. **Luke 7:36ff** – The scene: Jesus is eating at a Pharisee’s house...
 - He is being ridiculed for being a friend to tax collectors and sinners
 - A woman who was a sinner anointed His feet with a fragrant oil
 - She also washed His feet with her tears and her hair and kissed them
 - There was a great lesson in this for the Pharisee who could only see a sinner at Jesus’ feet
- ii. This lesson is realized as Jesus gives the parable of two sinners – **Luke 7:40-42**

DISCUSSION:

I. WHICH SINNER SHOULD LOVE JESUS MORE?

- A. The one whom He forgave more! – **Luke 7:43**
 1. This was manifest in the two key parties present – the Pharisee and the woman
 2. Consider the comparison of their two actions – **Luke 7:44-46**
- B. The one who is forgiven much loves much. The one whom little is forgiven loves little – **Luke 7:47**
- C. Jesus then forgives this woman’s sins in their presence, indicating that her faith has saved her – **Luke 7:48-50**

II. DO WE LOVE JESUS LITTLE OR MUCH?

- A. Do our lives demonstrate that we are receiving God’s grace in vain? – **2 Cor. 6:1**
- B. Does godly sorrow for sin continue to drive our desire to please Him? – **2 Cor. 7:2-11**
- C. Do we thank God for allowing us to serve Him despite our unworthiness prior to grace? – **1 Tim. 1:12-17**
- D. Will we continue to love Jesus even if it means reaping what we have sown throughout our days? – **Acts 9:10-16**
- E. Does God’s forgiveness for our sins inform and precipitate our forgiveness toward others? – **Matt. 6:12, 14-15**

CONCLUSION:

- i. As we consider the value we place upon the forgiveness God bestows upon us through our Lord Jesus Christ, there is another important truth that we realize regarding the great gift we have been given.
- ii. “And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.” (**Luke 12:47-48**)
- iii. When much is given, much is expected and required of us!