



PREPARING FOR THE KINGDOM

The Hallmark of the Spiritually Prepared

LUKE 7:36-50

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The Threefold Hallmark:

1. You _____ (vv.36-39)

2. You _____ (vv.48-50)

3. Your _____ (vv.40-47)

36 One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. **37** And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, **38** and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. **39** Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." **40** And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher." **41** "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. **42** When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" **43** Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." **44** Then turning 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 from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. **46** You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. **47** Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." **48** And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." **49** Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" **50** And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Ephesians 2:1-5**. Why must the seriousness of sin be clearly understood before one considers the merciful and loving call of God to be "saved" by Christ? What is the result when this is avoided or sidestepped?
2. Read **Luke 18:9-14**. While the words of the Pharisee in this parable are blatant and obvious, what are some of the more subtle indicators that someone might be "trusting in himself" in hopes of being "justified" before God?
3. Read **John 1:29**. What are some of the big implications about how one is forgiven in this simple statement by John the Baptist? Why is a basic understanding of the Old Testament essential to understanding his analogy?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** and **Romans 6:17-19**. How does the perspective in these two passages regarding sacrificial service to Christ mesh with the motives and attitudes observed in the woman in Luke 7?
5. Read **1 John 4:19-21** and **Romans 12:1-2**. What steps can you take to allow God's merciful love to motivate your love and service for him each day?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

May 4th

1Kgs.8-9 & Lk.23:39-56

May 5th

1Kgs.10-11 & Lk.24:1-35

May 6th

1Kgs.12-13 & Lk.24:36-53

May 7th

1Kgs.14-15 & Jn.1:1-28

May 8th

1Kgs.16-18 & Jn.1:29-51

May 9th

1Kgs.19-20 & Jn.2

May 10th

1Kgs.21-22 & Jn.3:1-21

May 11th

2Kgs.1-3 & Jn.3:22-36

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 08-22 – **Sin & God's Necessary Aversion to It**

Msg. # 13-08 – **Indebted to a Forgiving God**

Msg. # 12-18 – **Guilt & Forgiveness**

Msg. # 09-20 – **Celebrating Unearned Forgiveness**

Msg. # 10-27 – **Taking on the Gospel's Biggest Obstacle**

Msg. # 09-07 – **Scripture's Overarching Theme of Grace**

Msg. # 09-19 – 09-23 – **The Gospel According to Abraham** (a five-part series)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Adams, Jay. **From Forgiven to Forgiving**. Calvary Press, 1997.

Burroughs, Jeremiah. **The Evil of Evils: The Exceeding Sinfulness of Sin**. Reprint. Soli Deo Gloria, 1992.

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MacArthur, John. **A Tale of Two Sons: The Inside Story**. Thomas Nelson, 2008.

Morgan, Christopher W. and Robert A. Peterson, eds. **Fallen: A Theology of Sin**. Crossway, 2013.

Owen, John. **Mortification of Sin (Abridged)**. Banner of Truth, 2004.

Plantinga, Cornelius. **Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin**. Eerdmans Publishing, 1995.

Schaeffer, Francis A. **The Finished Work of Christ: The Truth of Romans 1 – 8**. Crossway Books, 1998.

Sproul, R. C. **Faith Alone: The Evangelical Doctrine of Justification**. Baker Books, 1995.

Stott, John R. W. **The Cross of Christ**. InterVarsity Press, 1986.

Viars, Stephen. **Putting Your Past in Its Place: Moving Forward in Freedom and Forgiveness**. Harvest House, 2011.

White, James. **The God Who Justifies**. Bethany House, 2001.