

Luke 7:36-50

A Sinner's Love

Good morning, church.

Please turn in your Bible's too Luke chapter 7 we will be in verses 36-50 this morning.

Now, in **Heb. 4:12-13** we are told...

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

This morning we will see the reality of these verses, and the penetrating power of this Double-Edged Sword.

In this story, Jesus will divide and separate the religious from the repentant.

All of us will have our religion challenged this morning, and our hearts will be tested by the text.

Please know, there is something to be said of Christianity, that it is a doing faith, our genuine love and gratitude for all that Jesus has done for us will be played out in our lives.

Now, I want to be very clear up front, and as Jesus will explain in the text.

Salvation is a free gift, given without any effort or merit of our own, **Rom 5:8-9 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.**

You see in our worst state God reached out to us in love, and offers salvation, that can only be received by faith alone.

We are justified by Christ's Blood as the elements reminded us this morning.

Now, what about after salvation, should there be works after a person genuinely takes that free gift, and they take the title in this life, which I believe is the greatest title one can go by, Christian.

When a person receives this new life freely offered to them, well, there is actually much expected of them.

There will be fruit, certain good fruit that comes from their lives, their will be a changed course of direction in their life, and it should be a noticeable change.

Our faith will be a public faith, that is shown through every area of our lives, from our work ethic, to our family life, also, in our relationships to others, even in our thoughts, and our speech, and yes even our political belief's will be affected by our faith.

Now, the main thrust behind this changed life, and good works, has to be a passionate love that we have for the One Who Saved us from our sin.

We can talk of the duty of the Christian, we can use fear of the punishment, and we can even mention the benefit of reward as an argument to motivate Christian doers.

But the greatest motivation to lead Christians into more good works, more self-denial, more practical obedience to God's Word, is love.

If true love is absent from the person, they will have only a petty religion to show for themselves.

But when love is at the forefront the Redeemed Heart, the works done for Christ are pure and passionate.

Our text this morning will be a true test to our motives in our church going, and if we are honest before the Lord, He will challenge us in our authenticity of our own faith.

So let's go to the Lord in prayer, and ready our hearts to hear all that the Spirit is saying this morning.

Now, there is something very important to consider here, before we move into our text, you see, another Gospel writer mentions what took place after John the Baptist's affirmation as we studied last week.

Jesus preached a powerful Word to His hearers, that is only recorded in Matthew.

Jesus gave an invitation to a new life, and He offered rest for the weary souls that were listening.

Matt 11:28-30 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

You see this is very important to know, when we get into our next setting, because Luke records a unique incident that only takes place in his gospel.

And when you consider what Jesus preached just prior to this incident, you can bring a little more clarity to why this woman in our story responds to Jesus in such a way.

She as we will see is a great sinner, and God absolutely loves to extend His Great Grace to Great Sinners.

And she most likely owed her conversion to the Words of Jesus, "Come to Me... and I will give you rest."

As she has pondered this invitation, and as she believed Jesus' Words, she surely understands her soul is now being saved.

We will delve more into her character as we read the narrative, but first we must meet the host of this particular meal in this next setting.

Look at verse 36 with me of Luke chapter 7...

A Sinful Woman Forgiven

7:36 Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.

There is no doubt that Jesus knew He was strolling into enemy territory here.

We see something now of the capacity of Jesus' love, He did not hesitate to dine with sinners and tax collectors, but even His greatest challengers were given a chance to respond to His message.

The Messiah is no respecter of persons; in fact, this was one of the charges that the Pharisees actually gave to Jesus in another place.

Matt 22:15-16 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk. 16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men.

Jesus did not regard titles or the person of men, He was moved by His message, and reaching any man, rich or poor, popular or rejected, religious or sinful, Jesus gave everyone a chance to respond.

Now, it is not clear why this Pharisee, who we will find out in a moment is named Simon, invited Jesus to his home for a meal.

But, it would be considered a privilege to invite the visiting Rabbi over after synagogue for the Sabbath meal.

Perhaps Jesus' fame was this man's only motive.

Maybe Simon was simply curious, or he had a hidden agenda.

You have probably been invited to one of these kinds of dinners, that the host will eventually reveal there is another agenda besides simple fellowship.

Whether it is to sell you something or to awkwardly confront you.

I remember at our church in Havasu, we went through a horrible church split, and Jess and I for some reason, were invited to so many awkward dinners, and we would have an hour or two of wonderful conversation, and things seemed to be going well, and good, and then we would see those folded hands and hear, "So the reason we invited you over, dot dot dot."

And they would try to turn us against our pastor, and it would just get so awkward.

You never want to see my wife, when you are trying to come against someone she loves.

And a couple times, we thought people just wanted good old fashion Christian Fellowship, but they had this hidden agenda, and we just ended up leaving the meal all together.

What a shame when people disguise their true motives with godly hospitality.

It is not written what Simon's true motives were here, but it becomes clear by his treatment of Jesus, that his motives were evil.

This man purposely omitted the customs of the day.

If Jesus was truly his honored guest, Jesus would be greeted at the door; the host would place his hand on His shoulder, and give Him a kiss of peace.

This was not done for Jesus, also, Simon did not have his servants remove Jesus' sandals nor wash His feet as per the custom of the day.

You see the dinners of the prominent citizenry were a public ordeal.

Simon, from the prestigious sect of the Pharisees, would have an opulent home, with an open courtyard.

The meal would be shared around a Triclinium Table, and the dinner guests would be seated on the ground with possibly a pillow.

They would recline, and rest on their left arms, eat with their right hands, and their feet would be facing the back.

Now, since this was a public ordeal, the crowds would gather in the courtyard to hear the discussion and any important teaching or wisdom that would come from the honored guests at the table.

Now, Simon, without having to say anything has publically shamed Jesus, who would be at His place at the table with His filthy feet, still sandaled behind Him.

The crowds would see the contempt or arrogance of this man Simon who only had Jesus in his home for nostalgic reasons.

Perhaps Simon was an egotistic man, who just liked to hobnob with those who were popular.

Maybe the invite was due to Jesus' celebrity status, and Simon wanted to boast later of having this disliked, yet prominent and popular teacher in his home.

Whatever the reason, Simon shows himself to have only selfish reasons for bringing Jesus in his home.

Perhaps we can see this man Simon a little giddy and excited, perhaps wanting to be the one who finally traps Jesus in His Words.

In my life, it seems every president of the United States had the goal of being the one man in history who could finally bring peace to the Middle East.

So many arrogantly touted their ideas, and started off their presidential careers claiming they would be the one, and in each president that I can remember, at the end of their terms they are scrambling to try to achieve some kind of victory in Israel's peace process.

But it always escaped them, and no man has ever been able to do this.

It is a fleeting idea, and only when Jesus comes to establish His Kingdom will there be True and Lasting peace in the Israel.

And like every president wanting to be the one to go down in history as the one who solved this complex problem, so too every Pharisee wanted to be the one who brought Jesus' ministry to an end.

But at every attempt, it was a fleeting idea, they were no match for the God's Son.

And for the Ill-Mannered Simon, he will go down in defeat here as well.

Now, Jesus is sitting there really in an embarrassing and neglected way, and now enters into the scene someone who has been touched by Jesus' ministry.

A changed life, a converted soul is going to see her Savior in this condition, and she will boldly enter into a place that she had no business being.

This woman would know that she would be looked down upon, she would be gossiped about, and she might even be called out in front of others shamefully.

She was a notorious sinner, and most likely a prostitute.

This woman who has used her beauty and her body to make a profit off man's lusts, is now a changed person.

She sees her Savior in this condition, and it won't due for her, and she boldly enters into a forbidden arena to make right what the religious got wrong...

Look at her humility now in verses 37-39

37 And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, 38 and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. 39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

This woman joins the many onlookers at this dinner, and she sees Jesus slighted by Simon.

Jesus was perfectly at ease, however, but you can imagine the conversation was probably pretty tense as these customs were intentionally overlooked.

I am sure the gathered crowd knew that a lively exchange was about to ensue.

But they did not expect this sinful woman to enter so boldly into this scene.

I am sure as she made her way out from the crowd the murmurs started.

As she drew closer to Jesus, the whispers grew louder. They watched as she removed her most valuable possession from her neck.

Many Jewish woman had this alabaster flask in their possession always.

It would be their most costly possession, being a white marble stone made into a vial that held very costly mixtures of perfume.

The neck of the flask would have to be broken in order to retrieve the contents.

Since Jesus had been the One who had changed her life so drastically, she felt the need to bring Him her greatest possession as an offering.

Let's consider this sinful woman now.

Notice in verse 39, Simon knows this woman's reputation.

It is unknown how he knows her, but it would not be difficult to identify the local harlot.

She would be despised by this religious man.

And she comes to Jesus and breaks the perfume, and we see also that she is weeping, her tears flowing so magnificently, she can wash Jesus' grimy feet.

It says she did so with her hair.

Paul said **1 Cor. 11:15** if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given to her for a covering.

This woman lets her long beautiful hair down, that same hair that has been used to seduce men into her bedroom, that same glory that has welded power over many weak men is now is used to wipe the dirt from those filthy 1st century roads off Jesus' feet.

Now, also consider, in this culture at this time, a woman's hair was never to be let down in public.

The rabbis of the day put this act on the same level as exposing her breasts.

A woman's hair was only to be seen by her husband.

The Talmud says that a woman can be divorced for letting down her hair for another man. Hughes

But this woman was not ashamed, as the aroma of her worship filled the air, and she kissed her Savior's humble feet.

What a mess she was, she has forgotten where she is, she does not care that a woman was not welcome in this setting.

Jewish rabbis did not even speak to women in public.

Especially a woman of this type, and here, she has made her way to the One Who promised to take her burden, if she came to Him.

And here for perhaps the first time in a very long time, is she touching a man with no erotic overtones.

And perhaps for the first time in a very long time, a man is not trying to grope her and take pleasure from her.

We can picture her ashamedly crying, nose running, her hair now muddy with a mixture of dirt and tears.

This would have made everyone in the room very uncomfortable, perhaps Simon is embarrassed at what is taking place in his home.

Jesus was supposed to be this great Prophet, if that were true He would know how wrong this was.

If Jesus were the Great Man that people were saying He was, then He would not allow this woman to touch Him, for she was a sinner.

And Simon speaks to only himself, but Jesus can read the heart of man, and I am sure Simon's face was aghast at this scene.

Simon, unlike Jesus, cannot see the innocence and purity in this woman's love for Jesus.

Simon cannot see as this sinner cleansed the feet of Jesus, her heart is too being cleansed.

Simon is blind to the outpouring of love that is being shown here.

He cannot get over his own prejudices and preconceived ideas.

He is a religious overlord who is only concerned with the outward appearance of things, and this outwardly is shameful and beneath him.

And Jesus knows the condition of both Simon's heart and this woman's, and for that matter, everyone in attendance at this banquet.

And Jesus was never one to care much for the approval of man.

Jesus didn't try to scurry this woman along, Jesus didn't try to save His own reputation, by keeping up an image that would impress people.

I remember at time, Jess and I were asked to consider taking a church up in Northern California.

And we met with the outgoing pastor and his wife, the church was dying, and they simply wanted to quit.

They had no church building, they were struggling week to week to keep things afloat in the community center.

So they were giving us a tour of the city and they took us by a beautiful church building in a lower income part of town.

They explained to us, that that building used to be the Church building but they were forced to sell the building.

Now, Jess and I wondered why they were forced to sell the building, it seemed like a wonderful building, in a central part of town.

So I asked, “what forced you to sell the building?”

I was expecting to hear, “Oh the finances were bad, or major construction was needed that they could not afford, or something like that.”

But the gentleman’s wife spoke up, and she said “we did not like the kind of people that were drawn to the church in this neighborhood.”

See, they were in Silicon Valley, and they were wanting the uppity ups to come to church, but because the lower income people were coming each week, they felt they could not get the more cleaned up people in church.

Jess and I could not believe what we were hearing, and it was no wonder the church was dying.

The uppity ups never found the church even when they moved to a better neighborhood.

Simon is of this mindset, he does not want to associate with the scourge of society, he is better than this.

Jesus should be better than this!

And Jesus knowing this man, finally speaks to the silent host and now the onlookers will get the show they are hoping for.

40 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you."

So he said, "Teacher, say it."

41 "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"

43 Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more."

And He said to him, "You have rightly judged."

Jesus presented this indignant moralist with a parable.

You see it was easy for Simon to look at the woman and say that she was a sinner, but this religious separatist failed to see that he too was a sinner.

Jesus presents two people here in the parable that owe a creditor.

One owed five hundred denarii, for which a denarii was about a day's wage.

So one person owed five hundred days worth of debt, the other fifty.

Now, really considering the poverty of the day, both of these debts were impossible to pay.

And in Jesus' parable it is stated they both had nothing on collection day.

But the debt collector freely forgave them both.

Jesus was equating the woman to a 500 denarii sinner, and Simon, although he perhaps never took part in the overt sins of that woman, he was a sinner as well.

Jesus calls him a 50 denarii sinner.

Outwardly, this broken woman is ten times more sinful than Simon is.

Jesus is saying something like...

“Sure Simon, you are perceived to be better than this prostitute, she is dirty, her innocence has been taken from her over and over again, and she is an obvious sinner. And you with your outward morality, you have kept yourself from these shameful things, so go ahead and give yourself some credit.”

But Jesus is making the obvious point, that Simon cannot reason around, that they were both sinners.

They were both guilty, the religious overlord, this tyrannical moralist had the same issue as this unclean shameful woman.

They both had a debt they could not pay.

Jesus asks the moralist in front all the onlookers, “Who loved more?”

And Simon, who was hoping to be the one to finally take Jesus down, to be the one to catch Jesus in His Words, Simon wanted to be the hero of the Sect of the

Pharisee, and here, he is forced to sentence himself as sinner.

His reply to Jesus, “the one whom he forgave more,” loved the most.

Notice Simon cowardly responded, as he is trying to search for an answer that lifts him above the woman.

Yet Truth is Truth, and Simon sheepishly starts his sentence with, “I suppose...”

Jesus tells him, “You have rightly judged.”

Jesus is the victor in this exchange, and He looks at his defeated foe, and then to the woman who has been vindicated, and now that He is in Command of the moment, he lets Simon have it.

44 Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. 45 You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. 46 You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. 47 Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."

Jesus calls the 50 denarii sinner's attention to the 500 denarii woman.

“Do you see her?” Jesus asks, which of course Simon does.

Jesus then compares her worship with the horrible hospitality that Simon has shown.

At Simon’s invite, Jesus has come under his roof, and yet to Simon’s shame, he gave Jesus shabby treatment.

Jesus in front of those gathered that day lifts this woman up, and humbles Simon.

1 Peter 5:5-6

"God resists the proud,

But gives grace to the humble."

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

Simon arrogantly shunned Jesus with his cold treatment, and this woman, knowing she is sinful, and in her penitent state, she provided tears, that flowed from her repentant heart.

Instead of a simple kiss on the cheek, this lowly woman gave hundreds of fervent kisses to Jesus soiled feet.

Instead of common and cheap olive oil, she broke her most valuable possession and gave it all, as she poured it out on those same dirty feet.

Then Jesus made very clear that her sins, which are many, are forgiven.

Because she loved much.

You see her sense of having been forgiven, has produced this outpouring of love.

This woman, is clean, she is saved, and she, though once full of many sins, is now better off than this religious giant.

Jesus says to whom little is forgiven loves little.

Simon, using the worthless human scales for his own religion, thinks because he is only a 50 denarii sinner that he is doing fine in his religion.

He believes his sins are so little, he does not even see a need to seek forgiveness.

Simon, with his lack of love, is the one Jesus leaves unforgiven.

This woman will now be able to rejoice in her freedom from her guilt and shame as she has received the Grace of God.

Jesus makes this point very clear next...

48 Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

49 And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

50 Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

What this woman already hoped for, as her faith in Jesus proved to show fruits worthy of repentance, Jesus now affirms it for her.

There is now no doubt for this sinful woman, she is now righteous, and in good standing with God.

He sends the woman off in peace, as He declares, "Your faith has saved you."

Of course, the people at the table, understand here, that Jesus is declaring Himself to be God, because only God can forgive sins.

And although they are hurling accusation at Jesus, we see that their statement is accurate, God, in Christ has embraced this repentant woman, and has brought her into the family of faith.

She once heard Jesus say, **Matt 11:28-30**

28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

And she believed Jesus, and came to Him, and now her faith has allowed her to hear those parting words, "Go in peace."

The peace she came to receive was hers by faith.

The self-righteous Simon looked within and saw no need for a Savior.

He only wanted to entertain Jesus, get familiar with Him.

But he was only a 50 denarii sinner, and for him, that was not much.

But one sin is enough to separate man from God for all eternity, and every man and woman alive is guilty before a Holy God.

Paul makes it very clear in...

Romans 3:23-24 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

All of us fall so very short, and the only hope anyone has, is being justified freely by God's Grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

You see, the text reveals two kinds of people, in relation to Jesus.

Those who see their need for Him, and respond to His love, with an impassioned love returned to Him.

And we see a man who is familiar with Jesus, amused by Jesus, even eating a meal with Jesus.

But he is so confident in himself, and his religion, he is not moved to be justified through Jesus.

I don't think I would be out of line, to suggest that many today, are very familiar with Jesus.

They are perhaps amused by Him, they will even associate in His church.

But, there are few who understand Him as this sinful woman does.

America is a great land, a rich land, a prosperous place, and we are still relatively free compared to the rest of the world.

But the Great comfort available to us in this country and her form of Christianity has created a convenient religion.

We do not typically see the response to Jesus as this woman in our text.

It is very difficult for most today to even see themselves in this kind of desperation, or in need of Salvation.

Now, Christianity is a doing faith, with love as its motivation.

And when love is driving us to our Savior, there is dynamic fruit.

Our service to Him is passionate, our giving, like this woman, is sacrificial, our love is great toward Jesus.

Now when religion is our motivation, our pocket books might open when we have a couple extra bucks.

When religion is our motivation, our service becomes bothersome and tedious over time.

When religion is our motivation, we see ourselves too highly.

When religion is our motivation, we look down upon sinners.

Like Simon, we would rather Jesus dismiss them back into their misery and shame.

You see our culture has created a comparative religion. That wants God to accept them on their own currency, based on their own merit.

Surely, this was Simon's heart as well.

This currency of their good verses their bad.

"God, I work with compulsive liars, I am the only one who tells truth here, surely You see me over them."

Or it might be by their own virtue, "We live in such an immoral world, look at these debased sinners, but God my life is wholesome, I love my wife, and care for my children. That should be sufficient for you Lord."

This comparative religion is a false religion indeed.

Jesus made it very clear, that there is only One way to salvation, through Him.

And it is only by seeing ourselves as debtors, all of us have debts we cannot ever pay.

Some might only be 10 denarii sinners, 50, or 5000 denarii sinners, but it is only when we like the woman

understand we can never pay what we owe, that God steps in and pays it on our behalf.

This is what the cross of Jesus Christ is all about.

Sin infects every one of us, no matter how much good you can bring forth.

We are either a Simon, and blind to this need by our own self-righteousness, or we are like this sinful woman, aware of our condition, and desperately coming to our Savior.

Today, I believe the church tries to cover this fact up, in this era of celebrity pastors and social media saints, we rarely see church going people honest about sin in their lives.

No, they post pictures of themselves praying with people, they post pictures of their devotion time, because everyone needs to know they are having a cup of coffee, and like the good person they are, they are doing their devotion.

Their Bible is faithfully open, and a smile on their face.

Not many can serve the Lord for the Lord's eyes alone today, it has to be trumpet blasted for all to see our piety.

Our worship pastor on Wednesday Night, was singing a song, that when the Words were coming out his mouth, "My heart will sing, no other Name, but Jesus, Jesus."

Pastor Josh explained to me the next morning, that he felt convicted, because the Spirit was revealing to him that he, like us all, puts other things before Jesus.

He prayed for forgiveness after that song, right before I taught.

I thought it was a good prayer, he was a little worried that it might be troubling for others that he had the struggle.

I told him, “it is a breathe of fresh air brother, the people need to know we struggle the same as them, there are too many fake images of Christianity out there today.”

I told him, “in fact, you might be surprised to know what the Apostle Paul admitted of himself.”

1 Tim 1:15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

He did not say, “I was the chief sinner,” or “I was the former chief sinner.”

He saw himself as the chief sinner.

In another place, he said **Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?**

He didn't mention the wretched man that he was or used to be.

He said “Oh, wretched man that I am.”

You see, this understanding is vital, when we see ourselves accurately, than our love toward Jesus is sincere and out of a grateful heart.

Ask yourself this morning, “Do I love Jesus?”

Be honest with yourself.

Do you see your service and your offerings to the Lord as perhaps a drag or inconvenient, or do serve and give to Jesus because of your gratitude in light of the salvation He offers you?

One heart will produce Joy and Passion in our service, the other will cause you to be a complainer and moral tyrant over others.

How do you view others, do you see yourself as more worthy than those who are struggling in their sin?

Do you hold a moral high ground in your heart over sinners in your life, perhaps many prejudices abound, and certain types of people just drive you nuts?

Please consider all that Jesus is saying this morning, when you can see yourself as the chief sinner, a wretched person, saved by Christ alone, than you will be able to love much.

Love will become your motivation in your service.

Love for Jesus brings your church experience and worship alive.

No longer are you forcing yourself to stay awake for the message, no longer are you scrolling through

Facebook during worship, no longer is it tedious to give, no longer is it tiresome to give of your time.

Love brings life to your faith, it makes all your motives pure.

Maybe this morning you have gotten off track, you have left your first love, you are not sure how it happened but you are practicing a boring religion.

Understand, God's Word has the remedy in **Rev 2:4-5** To you who have..... **left your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place — unless you repent.**

It is as simple as confessing your sinful religion to Jesus, and asking Him to cleanse you, and restore you to the Joy of those early works.

We all have the tendency to get off track at times, it is so easy to get caught up in a humanistic religion, but it is so, so dangerous to stay and operate in that mindset.

Get prayer today if you find you are practicing the religion of Simon.

Perhaps you are here this morning, and your sin is great, and you like the Sinful woman are looking for a new life, a way out, you are here for a reason this morning.

Our God desires to impart to you His Great Grace, that will completely overwhelm your Great Sin.

So Come to Jesus, you who are weary, and heavy laden, Come to Jesus and find rest for your souls, receive peace this morning.

Your conflict within, can end this morning, He can take all the pain of your failure, all the torment from your mistakes, He can take all the agony that your blunders have created, and He will give you new life.

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Those who are forgiven much, well, they love much in return.

Understand your need for Jesus this morning and come to Him honestly.

Let us pray...