

Forgiveness
Luke 7:36-50

- I. The Story
- II. Sinners
 - A. Harmartolos taken from the word harmartano meaning to miss the mark. Romans 3:23
 - B. Matthew 5:21-22
 - 1. Thou shalt not kill. Exodus 20:13
 - 2. If you are angry at your brother without a cause, you are guilty.
 - 3. If you shall say Raca (empty or worthless), you are guilty.
 - 4. If you say thou fool, you are guilty.
 - 5. It is not only the deed, but also the words spoken that makes us guilty.
 - C. Matthew 27-28
 - 1. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Exodus 20:14
 - 2. If you look upon a woman to lust after her, you are guilty.
 - 3. It is not only the deed, and the word, but also the thought that makes us guilty.
 - D. James 4:17 "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (The failure to do what we know we should do.)
 - E. Romans 3:23
- III. Conviction – the state of being convinced of error (or sin).
 - A. Job 32:8 "But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding"
 - B. Spirit (7307) meaning breath or wind.
 - 1. Man being created by God in the image of God has a spirit.
 - 2. That spirit of man can be communicated with by the inspiration (vital breath or wind) of God.
 - 3. To give to man understanding.
 - C. The individual may not be able to verbally express it, but he/she is troubled by the fact that he/she is disconnected from God (his Maker) by sin.
- IV. Forgiveness
 - A. Forgiveness is the only means of being rid of the ^{penalty + guilt of} sin that disconnects us from God.
 - B. Matthew 26:28 "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."
 - C. Acts 10:43 "To him (Jesus Christ) give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."
 - D. The word remission is translated forgiveness in other places in the N.T. (Acts 26:18; Eph. 1:7; and Col. 1:14)
 - E. The meaning is the releasing from guilt or penalty.
- V. Obtaining Forgiveness
 - A. She came to Jesus.
 - 1. A priest (earthly person) could have listened to her, but no forgiveness.
 - 2. A high priest may have offered a sacrifice to push the payment for sin back, but no forgiveness.

3. She could have spoken to a modern day spiritual guru who would tell her that her deed, words, and thought were not sin, but that would not change her standing with God and the knowledge in her spirit that something was wrong.
 4. She came to the one that would pay for all her sins.
- B. She Repented (change of heart and direction).
1. She stood at his feet (lowered herself).
 2. She wept so that she washed his feet with her tears. (Tears may not come but contrition should).
 3. She wiped His feet with the hair of her head and kissed his feet. She worshipped Him as her Savior and Lord.
 4. She anointed his feet with ointment. She honored Him. (Worship also)
- C. Forgiveness and salvation.
1. Isaiah 66:1a "Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth my footstool:" (Acts 7:49)
 2. Jesus is at the right hand of God on His Throne.
 3. The earth is his footstool.
 4. When I bow here I am at the feet of Jesus.
- D. Knowledge
1. How did she know? Luke 7:47 "Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven ..."
 2. Luke 7:50 "And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee, go in peace."
 3. John 3:16; Romans 10:13; John 5:24 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."
 4. Romans 8:16 "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:"