



## Supper with Simon

Lesson 3 • Luke 7:36-50

### What Is the Big Idea of Supper at Simon's Home? *Luke 7:36-50*

*Saving faith recognizes Jesus is **WORTHY** to give us forgiveness and receive our reverence.*

### 1. The **CONTEXT** Before Supper: *A Self-Righteous Insider, a Sin Sick Outsider, and the Sovereign Savior.*

- **Luke 5:27-39** and the results at the Lunch with Levi are seen again: *Feasting and Faultfinding!*
- **Luke 7:29-30** is immediately fleshed out as a sinful prostitute vindicates God's judgment by running to Him in repentance, while a self-righteous Pharisee rejects God's purpose for his life.
- **Luke 7:35** will be proven true: **"Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children."**

Context	A Self-Righteous Pharisee with Everything	A Sinful Prostitute with Nothing
Name	Has a Name: Simon.	Has No Name.
Gender	Man	Woman
Society	Highest of the Highs: <i>Well-Known as a Pharisee</i>	Lowest of the Lows: <i>Well-Known as a Prostitute</i>
Community	Welcomed and Respected	Unwelcomed and Disrespected
Good Works	Many to Offer God	None to Offer God
Approval	Deserving: <i>"I Am Right with God and Others!"</i>	Undeserving: <i>"I Can Never Be Right with God and Others!"</i>
Dining	Opens Home to the Latest Jewish Celebrity <i>Analyzes Jesus as His Judge: "Is He Worthy of My Acceptance?"</i>	No Way to Show Hospitality <i>Adores Jesus as Her Savior: "He Is Worthy of My Adoration!"</i>

#### **Who Proves to Be the Wiser?**

**The Self-Righteous Are Deceived:** Assuming they have a right standing with God and others but *they are never near enough to sinners to share His grace with them.*

**The Sinful Are Defiled:** Assuming they have no hope of a right standing with God and others but *they long to be welcomed into His presence instead of being shunned for their sinfulness.*

### 2. The **CONTRASTS** During Supper: *Saving Faith Acts to Honor Jesus with Much Love.*

- The **PASSION** of a sinful woman with saving faith. (vv. 37-38)

*Saving faith **OPENS** our eyes to our sinfulness in light of Jesus' worthiness.*

1. She **ENTERS** into Jesus' presence without concern for what others think. (v. 37)  
*Sinners welcome Jesus by saving faith because Jesus welcomes sinners by sovereign grace.*
2. She **BRINGS** all her personal trust and earthly treasure to Jesus. (v. 37; Deuteronomy 23:18)
3. She stands **BEHIND** Jesus at His feet knowing He is worthy and she is not. (v. 38)

4. She begins to continually **WASH** Jesus' feet with her flowing tears. (v. 38)
  - **GRATITUDE:** Weeping with gladness that her many sins are forgiven by Jesus!
  - **GRIEF:** Weeping with sadness that others don't honor Jesus for who He is!
5. She repeatedly **WIPE**s Jesus' feet with her hair let down. (v. 38)
6. She repeatedly **KISSES** Jesus' feet in submissive adoration. (v. 38)
7. She repeatedly **ANOINTS** Jesus' feet with expensive perfume.

➤ The **PROBLEM** with Self-Righteousness. (v. 39)

*Self-righteousness **BLINDS** us to Jesus' worthiness and our sinfulness.*

Contrasts	Simon the Pharisee Dines to Analyze Jesus	Sinful Prostitute Desires to Adore Jesus
At Dinner	The Host Who Is Not a Host The Intended Host Is <i>Less</i> than Hospitable	The Host Who Is Not Even a Guest The Uninvited Guest Is <i>More</i> Than Hospitable
Attitude	Cold, Clinical, Cynical, Separated	Warm, Relational, Compassionate, Devoted
Authority	Proudly Sits in Judgment at the Head of the Table	Humbly Kneels in Gratitude at the Feet of Jesus
Affection	No Heart for Jesus Treats Jesus as Less Than a Guest: <i>No Water, Towel, Kiss, or Oil</i>	Whole Heart for Jesus Treats Jesus as More Than a Man: <i>Tears, Hair, Feet, and Perfume</i>
Appreciation	Ungrateful: <i>"I Have No Need for Forgiveness!"</i>	Grateful: <i>"I Have Much Need for Forgiveness!"</i>
Action	Paralysis by Analysis Based on Fleshly Works	Acts with a Working Faith, a Laboring Love, an Enduring Hope
After Dinner	Still Sitting in All His Sins Due to Works Salvation	Saved from All Her Sins Due to Sovereign Grace <i>Past Forgiven, Present Salvation, Future Peace!</i>

➤ The **PARABLE** for the Self-Righteous (vv. 40-47)

1. Sovereign **GRACE** can forgive little sins and many sins!
2. Saving **FAITH** receives sovereign grace for forgiveness and shows it with great reverence for the Savior!

*Saved sinners love Jesus and show it with a changed life!*

### 3. The **CONCLUSION** After Supper: **Saving Faith Receives Sovereign Grace for Salvation and It Shows!**

➤ Why is this woman forgiven by Jesus? (v. 48)

*Her wordless worship reveals what has already happened in heart by saving faith!*

➤ What's the point of the after-dinner murmuring and Jesus' final word of assurance? (v. 49-50)

*Go in peace and sin no more with a faith that works, a love that labors, and a hope that endures!*

#### **Saving Faith Receives Sovereign Grace for Salvation and It Shows!**

*Saving faith recognizes Jesus is worthy to give us forgiveness and receive our reverence.*

➤ **Receive His Saving Grace Today:** *Are you a sinner in need of salvation or self-righteously ignoring your sinful need? Turn from your sins to trust Him alone for your salvation!*

*Receive His forgiveness for your past, His salvation in the present, and His peace for the future!*

- **Show Your Saving Faith Everyday:** *By His sovereign grace you can begin showing your saving faith in Jesus Christ as your Sovereign Savior!*
- Eagerly entering Jesus' presence for regular fellowship and heartfelt gratitude.
  - Kneeling in submission before His lordship over all your life out love for all He's done to save you.
  - Surrendering all your earthly treasure, talent, and time to be used for Him and His kingdom purposes.
  - Humbly serving Him and His people with tears of gratitude, while grieving over those who don't.
  - Willingly suffering shame in this world to honor Jesus as your Savior and Lord.
  - Identifying with His lordship over all creation and His Headship over His church.
  - Worshiping Jesus with His people as God's anointed Prophet, Priest, and King who is worthy of all glory, power, and honor.
- **Share His Saving Love with Sinners All Along the Way:** *See the people all around you the way Jesus sees them and love them as He loves them – invite them to dine with you to share His grace at your table!*

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