

THE PASSION PRINCIPLE
(Luke 7:36-50)



1. THE SETTING FOR THE PARABLE.
2. THE STORY OF THE PARABLE.
3. THE SECRET IN THE PARABLE.

1. THE SETTING FOR THE PARABLE.

1) The Host – Simon the Pharisee.

- a. A GENUINE SEEKER
- b. A CELEBRITY SEEKER
- c. AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENTRAP JESUS

2) The Guest – Jesus.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. Rev. 3:20

3) The Worshipper – the woman.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

2. THE STORY OF THE PARABLE.

1) The debt of our sin.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

2) The awareness of our sin.

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. James 2:10

3) The forgiveness of our sin.

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. Colossians 2:13-14

3. THE SECRET IN THE PARABLE.

1) The passion principle.

Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little. Luke 7:47

2) The worship wonder.

a. Genuine worship is PERSONAL.

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... Luke 7:37

b. Genuine worship is COSTLY.

... 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. Luke 7:38

3) The fragrance factor.

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 2 Cor. 2:14-15