

The Two Debtors

June 15, 2025 | *Luke 7:41-43*



Observation: What is happening here?:

Symbolism of the Parable:

- Moneylender = God
- Two Debtors = All of us (our spiritual debt to God)
- Debt = Sin (greater vs lesser awareness)
- Debt Forgiven = God's Grace and Mercy

Parabolic Outline (vv. 36-50):

- v. 36 Simon invites Jesus into his home
- vv. 37-38 Sinful woman anoints Jesus' feet
- vv. 39-40 Simon silently judges Jesus and the woman
- vv. 41-43 Jesus shares Parable of the Two Debtors
- vv. 44-50 Jesus contrasts Simon's neglect with the woman's reverence

This parable parallels *The Pharisee and the Tax Collector* (Luke 18:9-14). Both parables show pride and humility. This shows us, how clearly we see our need for grace from the Lord.

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Interpretation: What can we learn (interpret) from this?

- **We All Owe a Spiritual Debt**

- Everyone owes a spiritual debt we cannot pay on our own.
 - *References: Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9*

- **See Your Debt Clearly, Respond in Reverence**

- Recognition of our deep spiritual debt leads to profound, devotion, love and gratitude toward Christ: that Christ is who we need.
- Simon failed to recognize his need; the *woman* fully recognized hers, resulting in deeper reverence. She humbled herself before the Lord.
 - *References: Psalm 32:1-2, Luke 18:9-14, Colossians 2:13-14*

- **Authentic Faith Produces Reverent Action**

- The woman's acts reflect her authentic and genuine faith, spiritual humility, and appreciation to Christ.
 - Her actions symbolize deep humility, love, and worship toward Jesus.
 - *References: James 2:18, Galatians 5:6, Hebrews 11:6*
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Application: What can I do? How can I live this out?

- **Recognize the Debt**

- Understand that you need for God's grace and forgiveness. Reflect on what Christ has done for you. (His Death, Burial and Resurrection - 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 [*The Simple Gospel*])
 - *Scriptures: Romans 3:10-12, Psalm 51:3-4, 1 John 1:8-9*

- **Respond to Christ in Faith**

- Respond to Salvation receiving Christ's forgiveness through faith. Fully embrace the new life He offers, and let it transform you.
 - *Scriptures: Acts 3:19, John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9*

- **Live and Love Like Christ in Gratitude**

- Express your love and gratitude openly, sincerely, and consistently. Allow your relationship with Christ to overflow into practical acts of kindness, generosity, and devotion to others.
 - *Scriptures: Psalm 103:1-5, Colossians 3:15-17, Matthew 22:37-39*
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