

Parable of the Two Debtors

Luke 7:36-50

Presented in Inverted Parallelism Literary Form

	Verse	Theme
1	<p>⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so, Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat.</p>	Pharisees
2	<p>³⁷ When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she <i>brought</i> a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. ³⁸ Then she <i>knelt</i> behind him at his feet, <i>weeping</i>. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them.</p>	Woman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash • Kiss • Anoint
3	<p>³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She’s a sinner!” ⁴⁰ Then Jesus answered his thoughts. “Simon,” he said to the Pharisee, “I have something to say to you.” “Go ahead, Teacher,” Simon replied.</p>	Simon judges wrongly
4 4'	<p>⁴¹ Then Jesus told him this story: (AB B'A')</p> <p>“A man loaned money to two people— (A) 500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other. (B) ⁴² But neither of them could repay him, (B') so, he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. (A')</p> <p>NKJV: ⁴¹ “There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. (A) One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. (B) ⁴² And when they had nothing with which to repay, (B') he freely forgave them both. (A')</p>	The parable (Commonality of Simon and woman)

3'	<p>Who do you suppose loved him more after that?"</p> <p>⁴³ Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt."</p> <p>"That's right," Jesus said.</p>	Simon judges rightly
2'	<p>⁴⁴ Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Look at this woman kneeling here.</p> <p>When I entered your home, (AA' BB' CC')</p> <p>you didn't offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, (A) but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. (A')</p> <p>⁴⁵ You didn't greet me with a kiss, (B) but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. (B')</p> <p>⁴⁶ You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, (C) but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume. (C')</p> <p>⁴⁷ "I tell you, (AA' BB')</p> <p>her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, (A) so, she has shown me much love. (A')</p> <p>But a person who is forgiven little (B) shows only little love." (B')</p>	Simon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Wash • No Kiss • No Anoint
1'	<p>⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven."</p> <p>⁴⁹ The men at the table said among themselves, "Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?"</p> <p>⁵⁰ And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."</p>	Pharisees

Context

Actors (major, minor)

Cultural Cues

Main Point(s)

Common Principle(s)

Application