

The Parables Of Jesus

Lesson 2

The Parable Of The Two Debtors (Lk. 7:40-43)

Where & When: Somewhere in Galilee, late in 2nd year of public preaching

Occasion Producing The Parable:

- Jesus has just praised the character & faithfulness of John (vv. 24-28)
- Those who had accepted John's baptism (*common people, tax collectors, etc.*) rejoiced (v. 29)
- Jewish lawyers & Pharisees scoffed at such a commendation (v. 30)...Jesus scolds them (vv. 31-35)
- Jesus accepts a dinner invitation to the house of a Pharisee named Simon (v. 36)
- While there, an immoral woman known to be a "sinner" comes to anoint Him (vv. 37-38)
- Jesus allows the woman to touch Him...Simon harshly judges *both* the woman & Jesus (v. 39)

Questions:

- 1) Briefly summarize the parable. (vv. 40-43)
- 2) How different were the debts? How were they alike?
- 3) What is emphasized about the lender/creditor? (v. 42a)
- 4) What "expectation" re: both debtors is implied by Jesus' question in v. 42b?
- 5) More than likely, how had the woman come to know about Jesus? (cp. Mt. 11:7-24, 28-30)
- 6) What did the woman obviously acknowledge about herself? (cp. 1 Tim. 1:12-15)
- 7) What had this woman "planned to do?" (v. 37) What happened "unplanned?" (v. 38a)
- 8) How did Simon react to this woman? (v. 39) How did Jesus react to her?
- 9) What 2 failures of Simon did this parable expose?

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- 10) How did Jesus help Simon apply the parable's intended lesson? (vv. 44-47)

- 11) Who had a better understanding of self...Simon or this woman? Who knew Jesus better?

- 12) How does Jesus praise the woman? (vv. 47, 50)

- 13) What is the parable's *main* lesson? (cp. Rom. 3:23; 6:23; Eph. 2:1-5; 1:7)