

## The Extreme Worship of An Ex-Sinner!

*KJV Luke 7:36 One of the Pharisees asked him (Jesus) to eat with him, and he (Jesus) went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table.*

*37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which **was a sinner**, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,*

*38 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.*

The Bible says she was **a sinner** never saying what her sins were.

Jesus does say this about her... *“Her sins, **which are many**, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.”*

In grammar there are what's called **tenses** verbs that describe when an action takes place.

Jesus here is speaking in the **perfect passive tense** which means **an action that has already taken place.**

Referring **both** to here being a sinner and that her sins **had already been forgiven.**

Jesus is saying this woman who committed many sins was already **forgiven before** she came into the Pharisees house cried over Jesus feet, washes them with her hair and anoints them with expensive oil.

Her **extreme worship** was not as a sinner, but as a saint!

The important thing to remember is it wasn't her extreme worship that got her sins forgiven, they were already forgiven.

**It was because she was changed by the grace of God she went to this extreme!**

**It was because she was grateful, she was a new creation in Christ!**

**It was because she was changed, she no longer felt the guilt, shame and disappointment of sin.**

**Her true conversion caused her to engage in extreme worship!**

So, it is afterward Jesus says, “*those who are forgiven much love much and do extreme acts of kindness and those forgive least love least and do the fewest acts of kindness.*”

This **ex-sinner women** did several **extreme** acts of kindness toward The Body Christ in the presence of a religious leader who didn't show Jesus very much honor and respect at all.

In fact, the Pharisee questioned in his heart whether Jesus was even a prophet, let alone The Son of God and The Messiah!

Those who realize their sins have already been forgiven act differently toward The Body of Christ.

To them nothing is too good for The Body of Christ, no possession valuable and no act of worship too extreme or too costly to keep them from expressing their love.

**Have we forgotten what it means to have our sins (which are many) forgiven?**

**Have we devalued The Blood of Jesus Christ?**

**Have we gotten to the place where our time, our talents, our gifts and our possessions (which He gave by His grace) are more important?**

*1 Corinthians 6:9 Don't you know that wicked people won't inherit the kingdom of God? Stop deceiving yourselves! People who continue to commit sexual sins, who worship false gods, those who commit adultery, homosexuals,*

*10 or thieves, those who are greedy or drunk, who use abusive language, or who rob people will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

**None of us are disqualified from entry into The Kingdom of God!**

**We must always remember and at times give Him extreme worship!**

- When was the last time you gave a costly gift to The Body of Christ?
- When was the last time you wept over the loving grace of God upon your life?

- When was the last time you were willing to forget what people thought about you while you worshipped God?

Do you **remember** what He sacrificed for your sins and mine?  
This **sinner women** gave Jesus **5** extreme acts of worship!

1. An **Alabaster box** of **extremely expensive oil!**
2. Her **tears** of gratitude! Tears shed from emotion have the highest content of protein and are is a major stress reliever.
3. Her **hair** is a women's glory! (1 Cor 11:15)
4. **Kissed** Jesus feet! The dirtiest part of The Body
5. **Anointed** them with oil! She put the most valuable thing she owned on the lowest dirtiest part of His Body.

When King David wanted to stop God's judgment and destruction of Israel because of his sin.

An angel told him to build an altar on the threshing floor of Araunah!

David came to Araunah asking to buy it from him so he can obey God, Araunah said, "*take it my king*"!

David said "*No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.*" So David bought the threshing floor for 50 shekels of silver.

David refused to give God something of no value to him, only **extreme and costly** worship is valuable to The Kingdom.

In biblical times a person could earn 30 shekels in about 4 months today that's equivalent to \$12 to \$15,000 so David paid around \$25,000 for that piece of land in order to worship God.

Jesus says of this **extreme worshipper** "*Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.*" (Luke 7:48)