

AN UNINVITED GUEST

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Luke 7:36-48 And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. 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, And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

Somehow the word got out that Jesus was in the house of this Pharisee and a sinful woman decided to crash the party. She was not invited. She was not welcome. Nobody was glad to see her there, that is nobody but Jesus. Jesus was a friend to sinners.

Before somebody could escort her out of the room, she breaks open her alabaster box of perfume and starts washing the feet of Jesus and then uses her long hair to dry his feet.

Her perfume was costly. The value equaled a year's wages. It represented both her professional identity and financial security. It was her most valuable possession.

There comes a time in each of our lives whenever we must do exactly as this woman did. She was offering to Jesus her past, present and future. She was declaring that her identity and security from that day forward was going to be found in Christ alone.

Have you done that? Are you willing to give to God what is most precious to you? Are you willing to say, "From this day forward, my identity and security is going to be in Christ alone?"