

* Luke 7 : 36-50—Memory Verses, 37, 38 or 47.

Golden Text—Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.—1 Timothy 1 : 15.



THE LESSON RETOLD

One day a proud Pharisee named Simon invited Jesus to supper. He did this, not because he loved and believed in Jesus, but because he was curious to see and hear the wonderful Teacher and Healer of whom every one was talking.

As Jesus sat at supper in Simon's house, a woman, whom every one knew to be a very sinful woman, came in, and creeping up to where Jesus sat at table, took from under her cloak a little vase of precious perfume, worth a great deal of money, and poured it upon Jesus' feet. Then, weeping with sorrow over her sins, she wiped the tears and the ointment from the Master's feet with her long, beautiful hair. When Simon saw this, he was much displeased, and said to himself that Jesus could be no true Prophet, or He would not have

allowed such a sinful person to touch Him. But Jesus, who knew what Simon was thinking, turned to him and said, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Master, say on", said Simon, proudly. "There was once a certain man", said Jesus, "who had two debtors, one of whom owed him five hundred pence and the other fifty, and when they could not pay him, he freely forgave them both. Tell me now, which of the two would love him most?" "I suppose", said Simon, "the one to whom he forgave most."

"You are right", said Jesus; and pointing to the woman, He went on,—"Simon, you asked Me here as your Guest, yet you gave Me no water for My feet; while this woman, to show her repentance and love, has washed them with her tears and anointed them with precious ointment. You gave Me no kiss when I entered your house, but she, since I entered, has not ceased to kiss My feet. Wherefore, I tell you that, because of her great love, her many sins are forgiven; but he who thinks he has not much need of forgiveness, has little love." Then turning to the woman, Jesus said tenderly, "Your sins are forgiven; your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who invited Jesus to supper? 2. Who came in while they were at table? 3. What gift had she brought for Jesus? 4. How did she show her sorrow and repentance? 5. With what did she wipe Jesus' feet? 6. What did Simon think when he saw this? 7. What story did Jesus tell Simon? 8. Which debtor did Simon say would love most? 9. How did Jesus rebuke Simon? 10. What did He say to the woman?

Lesson Story

Uncle Fred was coming on the noon train, and Doris and Jack were going to meet him. When Doris was dressed, off she rushed to get Jeff the terrier ready too. "I—don't—believe Uncle will be very glad to see Doris", ventured Jack to his mother. "Why not, dear?" she asked. "Oh, 'cause, don't you remember last time he was here, she broke one of his telescopes and then tried to blame it on Jeff?" "Yes, I remember", said

* The Scripture Passage is omitted on account of the space required for the Temperance Lesson.