

Scripture: Luke 7:36-50

Singing: 284:1-3 – 446:1-4 – 170:1-3 – 255:3-4

Introduction: A woman on a mission: Luke 7:37

A. Her actions speak of her genuine love – faith – hope in Jesus

B. Jesus' teaching indicate she missed the "full assurance of hope" (Heb. 6:11)

1. This is not an uncommon condition among believers in Jesus

a. some think their sins are too great to be forgiven

b. some struggle with deep shame and uncleanness

c. some feel it humbler to doubt

JESUS' SERMON TO A PENITENT SINNER

I. His reassuring words of pardon II. His encouraging words of direction

I. His reassuring words of pardon: *Thy sins are forgiven – thy faith saved thee*

A. Jesus' prophetic ministry illustrates the 'use of the keys of Kingdom'

1. What He said to her, He speaks to all who come to Him in faith: HC. 31.84

2. Compare God's Testimonies: Luke 8:48; John 5:24; Acts 10:43; 13:38-39;
Eph. 1:7; 1 John 1:9

3. Hear Jesus' reassuring message: *she was a great sinner but forgiven!*

B. Notice that Jesus did not do this indiscriminately with everyone

1. He declares His forgiveness to those *who come to Him in faith*: vs. 50a!

2. Yet observe Jesus did not declare this to the woman in John 8:11

II. His encouraging words of direction: go in peace!

A. Peace is one of the most important truths in the Bible

1. Entire main theme of Bible is peace!

a. God calls Himself the God of peace (Rom. 15:33; 16:20; 1 Thess 5:23)

b. God is on mission of *Shalom*: Luke 2:14 - Eph. 2:17

c. God's redemption work will triumph into universal *shalom*: Is. 11:6-9

2. "Peace" (shalom) applies to *all relationships*

a. Peace with God – infinite/eternal peace: *Rom. 5:1; Eph.2:16-17*

b. Peace with fellow men: Heb. 12:14; Rom. 14:19

c. Peace within yourself: Col. 3:15; Phil. 4:7

B. Jesus directed her to 'go into this *peace with God*' (Romans 5:1)

1. This 'peace with God' is an objective *fact* that will be a *subjective feeling* upon embracing the benefit: Rom. 15:13

2. Jesus summoned her to 'get up and go into peace' (vs. 50; John 14:27)

TAKE-ALONG APPLICATIONS:

A. What did the Lord Jesus remind His believing people of?

1. That the more you look away from Him, the less peace you will have!

2. That you need to 'go into peace' and be like David in Ps. 42:5 11; 103:1-5

B. What did the Lord Jesus proclaim to you still dead in trespasses and sin?

1. That God comes to you and calls you as the God of peace!