

The Spirit of Judgment

Luke 7: 36 When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume.

Luke 7: 38 As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him

Luke 7: and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.”

44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “**Do you see this woman?** I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

Luke 7: 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

Do you see
this woman?

It's not a question of whether you
see her or not.

It's a question of what you see
when you look at her.

Do you see
this woman?

The Pharisees valued her
according to her worst attributes.

The woman's tragedy:
her shame convinced her that the
Pharisees were right.

Guilt says, “I’ve done something
bad.”

Shame says, “I’m a bad person.”

Guilt is from God.

2 Corinthians 7: 10 Godly sorrow brings
repentance that leads to salvation and leaves
no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

Guilt is from God.

Shame is from Satan.

Genesis 3: 7 At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt **shame** at their nakedness...10 “I heard you walking in the garden, so I **hid**...”

Galatians 1: 13 For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it...15 But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased 16 to reveal his Son in me...

Coming to grips with your own
sinfulness is essential to salvation.

To be defined by your sinfulness
after salvation, denies the cross its
power.

Do you see
this woman?

Jesus didn't see and value the woman according to her sin.

He valued her according to her love for him.

Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.

Luke 7: 47

Love for Christ is always a
byproduct of forgiveness.

When you show that love to Christ
and others, it's all he can see.

Do you see this woman?

Do you see this man?

When the Lord has **washed away the filth** of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, **by the spirit of judgment** and by the spirit of burning . . .

Isaiah 4:4

Ephesians 1: 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the **eyes of your heart may be enlightened** in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

It is the great work of the Holy Spirit to see & value others not according to their sins, but according to God's love for them through Christ.

1 Corinthians 2: 9 “What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard, and what no human
mind has conceived”—

the things God has prepared for those who
love him—

10 these are the things God has revealed to us
by his Spirit.

I Corinthians 2: The Spirit searches all things,
even the deep things of God. II For who knows
a person's thoughts except their own spirit
within them? In the same way no one knows
the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

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We are not human beings having a
spiritual experience; we are spiritual
beings having a human experience.

CS Lewis