



Week of June 13, 2021

Lessons in Luke: Gratitude-Fueled Worship

Luke 7:36-50

## Day One: Read 2 Samuel 6:14-22

*<sup>14</sup> And David danced before the Lord with all his might, wearing a priestly garment. <sup>15</sup> So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the Lord with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns. <sup>16</sup> But as the Ark of the Lord entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she was filled with contempt for him. <sup>17</sup> They brought the Ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the special tent David had prepared for it. And David sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings to the Lord. <sup>18</sup> When he had finished his sacrifices, David blessed the people in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies. <sup>19</sup> Then he gave to every Israelite man and woman in the crowd a loaf of bread, a cake of dates, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people returned to their homes. <sup>20</sup> When David returned home to bless his own family, Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet him. She said in disgust, "How distinguished the king of Israel looked today, shamelessly exposing himself to the servant girls like any vulgar person might do!" <sup>21</sup> David retorted to Michal, "I was dancing before the Lord, who chose me above your father and all his family! He appointed me as the leader of Israel, the people of the Lord, so I celebrate before the Lord. <sup>22</sup> Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes! But those servant girls you mentioned will indeed think I am distinguished!"*

- Are you more like David in this story, exuberant and uninhibited in your expressions of gratitude to God? Or more like Michal, seeing such expressions as something to be ashamed of? How could you become a bit more like David?

## Day Two: Read Luke 7:36-38

*<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. <sup>37</sup> When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. <sup>38</sup> Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them.*

- Be honest, are you more concerned with what others think of you, or with what God thinks of you? How could you become a bit more like the woman in this story in your expression of love and gratitude for God?

## Day Three: Read Luke 7:41-46

*<sup>41</sup> Then Jesus told him this story: "A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver[a] to one and 50 pieces to the other. <sup>42</sup> But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt." "That's right," Jesus said. <sup>44</sup> Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn't offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You didn't greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume.*

- Do you believe that you have been forgiven for much or for little? How does your expression of love, worship and gratitude toward God reflect your answer? What might need to change?

## Day Four: Read 1 Samuel 16:7

*<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."*

- What will you commit to doing today to judging people, not from their appearance, but by their heart? Ask God to guard your eyes and your heart today.

**Day Five: Read Psalm 100**

<sup>1</sup> *Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!*

<sup>2</sup> *Worship the Lord with gladness.*

*Come before him, singing with joy.*

<sup>3</sup> *Acknowledge that the Lord is God!*

*He made us, and we are his.*

*We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

<sup>4</sup> *Enter his gates with thanksgiving;*

*go into his courts with praise.*

*Give thanks to him and praise his name.*

<sup>5</sup> *For the Lord is good.*

*His unfailing love continues forever,*

*and his faithfulness continues to each generation.*

- What could you do before you come to worship to make worship more about giving God what God deserves (praise, thanksgiving, etc.) and less about what you want or like?