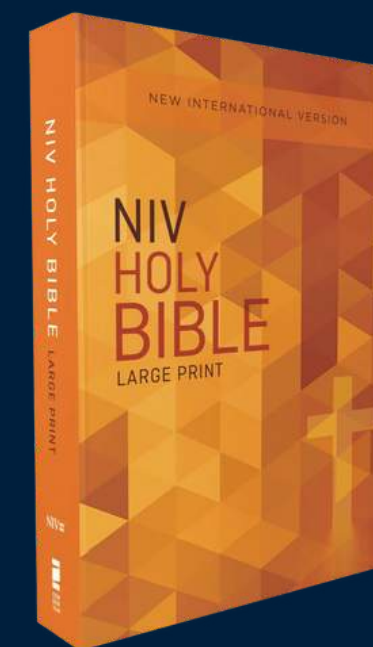




OH HOW SHE LOVES

THE GOSPEL OF **LUKE**



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LUKE 7:36-50

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**But wisdom is
proved right by
all her children**

Luke 7:35











SPURGEON

**IF THOU HAST HAD MUCH FORGIVEN, BE
WELL TO THE FRONT IN EVERY STRUGGLE
ON BEHALF OF THE CAUSE OF CHRIST. BE
WELL TO THE FRONT ALSO WITH THY GIFT
FOR HIM; BRING THY ALABASTER JAR,
AND BREAK IT FOR HIM. WITH NOT FOR
ANYONE TO ASK THEE, MUCH LESS TO
PRESS THEE, TO GIVE TO HIM WHO GAVE
HIS ALL FOR THEE...**

SPURGEON



...I AM AFRAID THAT THERE ARE MANY PROFESSED CHRISTIANS, WHO MUST HAVE HAD VERY LITTLE FORGIVEN THEM, FOR THEY LOVE CHRIST VERY LITTLE. THIS SEEMS TO BE THE AGE OF LITTLE LOVE TO CHRIST. THERE ARE SOME FEW WHO LOVE THE MASTER INTENSELY, BUT, OH, HOW FEW THEY ARE! ...WE ARE TOLD, NOWADAYS, WHAT A LITTLE THING SIN IS, AND WHAT A LITTLE PLACE HELL IS, AND WHAT A VERY SHORT TIME THE PUNISHMENT OF SIN WILL LAST. EVERYTHING IS ACCORDING TO SCALE, AND IT MUST BE SO IN RELIGION; AS YOU DIMINISH THE GUILT OF SIN, AND THE PUNISHMENT OF SIN, YOU ALSO DIMINISH THE SENSE OF OBLIGATION IN BEING SAVED FROM SIN. CONSEQUENTLY, YOU DIMINISH OUR LOVE TO CHRIST...

SPURGEON

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HUGHES

...SHE FEELS THE FREEDOM AND JOY OF HER FORGIVENESS. IF YOU UNDERSTAND THE GOSPEL, YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT HAS HAPPENED INSIDE HER. OH, DOES SHE LOVE! SHE IS LIKE THE WOMAN WHO SAID, "IF CHRIST SAVES ME, HE SHALL NEVER HEAR THE END OF IT!" AND TODAY, THOUGH SHE HAS BEEN DEAD 2,000 YEARS, SHE LOVES HIM EVEN MORE AND IS STILL WORSHIPING HIM. DO WE LOVE HIM LIKE THAT?

HUGHES



HUGHES

**HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT
UNLESS ONE FALLS INTO THE DEPTHS OF
SIN, HE OR SHE CANNOT LOVE GOD
DEEPLY. WHAT IS NECESSARY IS A
CONSCIOUSNESS OF SIN. THE DEPTH AND
PASSION OF OUR PERSONAL
CHRISTIANITY DEPENDS ON HOW
CLEARLY WE SEE OUR PERSONAL GUILT –
AND THEN OUR FORGIVENESS IN CHRIST.**

HUGHES

#1

**UNDERSTAND
WHAT YOU HAVE
BEEN SAVED FROM
SO THAT YOU CAN
UNDERSTAND THE
LORD'S GREAT
MERCIES.**

2 THESSALONIANS 1:9–11

“They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you. With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.”



**EVERYONE IN HELL
DESERVES TO BE THERE**

**EVERYONE IN HEAVEN
DOES NOT DESERVE TO
BE THERE**



#2

**DEEP LOVE AND
JOY CAME FROM
LIVING OUT
REPENTANCE AND
FAITH**



**JOY AND LOVE ARE NOT FOUND IN MORE
"ME-TIME".**

**JOY AND LOVE ARE NOT FOUND IN LIVING
FREE FROM RULES AND STANDARDS.**

**JOY AND LOVE ARE NOT FOUND IN
DISCOVERING ONESELF.**

**WHAT IS YOUR
ONLY COMFORT
IN LIFE AND IN
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ANSWER

**THAT I AM NOT MY
OWN, BUT BELONG—
BODY AND SOUL, IN
LIFE AND IN DEATH TO
MY FAITHFUL SAVIOR,
JESUS CHRIST...**



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HOMEGROUP QUESTIONS

1. Luke 7:36-50 contrasts two reactions to Jesus. First, there is a woman, a sinner, an outcast who comes into a party uninvited. Her actions show us three requirements in coming to Jesus: (1) Risk (2) Reverence (3) Repentance. What was her risk? How did she show reverence? Where did her actions point to repentance? Then, in your own life, which of these points might God be calling you to grow?
2. By contrast, we see a different but important response from the Pharisee (Simon). Read Luke 7:39. What does that “internal thought” reveal about the Pharisees heart? What does it reveal about our own hearts?
3. Jesus tells a story and then crashes the party with a confrontation. What does the Pharisee’s outward response to Jesus reveal about our own motives?
4. The Big Idea of the message was: Big forgiveness produces BIG love. Little forgiveness produces LITTLE love. What is the relationship of forgiveness and love?
5. As you close, read Luke 7:40, followed by Luke 7:44-47. What tension does Jesus want to raise in your life? Is he telling you something right now? In the Holy Spirit stirring you to something in this passage? Pray for each other.