

Topic: **Worship Anointing**
Text: **Luke 7:36-38; 44-48 (NIV)**
Theme: **“Let us anoint Jesus with worship with no strings attached”**

INTRODUCTION

- God created us to worship Him.
- But there is one high level of worship that pleases Jesus the most—worship anointing. To “anoint” means to *smear something on an object*. Usually, oil is involved, just like when Samuel anointed David with oil to be the next king of Israel.
- When Jesus was here on earth, He was anointed with perfume in several occasions. But since He is now with His Father, we can still “smear oil upon Him” through worship anointing.
- Jesus never had a rest. He ministered to the people, died for their sins; now that He is in Heaven, He never stops praying for each of us, 7/24 (Romans 8:34).
- It is fitting to tell Him: “Lord, take a break, be still for a moment, I will anoint you with worship today.”
- Calvin Coolidge, 30th US president, assented to its importance, “It is only when men begin to worship that they begin to grow.”

I. **WORSHIP ANOINTING EXPOSES OUR HEART**

V37 When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume,

V38 and 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.

A. Heart is the issue. (Revelation 3:15-16)

- We can only give the highest level of anointing to Jesus if our heart is for Him 100%.

B. Repentance is the key. (Matthew 15:8-9)

1. If your heart is not 100% for Jesus, ask for forgiveness of sins, big or small.

2. When your spirit is not in tune with God, prayer is so hard to do, let alone worshipping Him.

C. Persistence is the word.

- Keep on pressing... clinging onto the Lord... pushing yourself towards God... trying to prove to God that you are serious.

D. Tongues is the means.

- It is your spirit praying or singing when you speak or sing in tongues. It is a spirit-to-spirit communication between God and your spirit.

E. Singing is one of the ways.

- God is the author of music; He loves to be serenaded.

II. WORSHIP ANOINTING TOUCHES JESUS' HEART (VV44-45)

V44 *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.*

V45 *You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet.*

A. Jesus loves to receive worship anointing.

1. It is His "weakness" or "soft spot."
2. Let me exaggerate it, "He is tickled to the bone." It blows Him away. It sweeps His feet off the ground. He cannot resist it.
3. Worship anointing among others, like faith, arrests His attention; it touches the very core of His heart.

B. Jesus commends the person giving worship anointing.

- In the New Testament, Jesus was anointed with perfume in several occasions:
 1. When Mary, sister of Martha and Lazarus, poured an expensive perfume on Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair, Judas criticized her for wasting the perfume. (See what Jesus told Judas in John 12:7-8.)
 2. When a woman from Bethany came to Simon the Leper's house and poured an expensive perfume on Jesus' head, the disciples criticized the waste of perfume. (See how Jesus replied to them in Matthew 26:10-13.)
 3. On third occasion, a sinful woman came to Simon the Pharisee's house and wet the feet of Jesus with her tears, wiped them with her hair, kissed His feet, and poured perfume on His feet. The Pharisees re-acted negatively because the woman who was a sinner touched Him. (See how Jesus replied to Simon in Luke 7:44-45.)

III. **WORSHIP ANOINTING CLEANSSES OUR HEART**

V47 *Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."*

V48 *Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."*

A. Worship anointing proves our love for the Lord.

V47b *... for she loved much.*

- Review Revelations 2:3-4 to rekindle our love for Jesus.

B. Worship anointing forgives our sins.

V48 *Your sins are forgiven.*

1. Repentance is the most familiar way to forgive our sins. (1 John 1:9)
2. Jesus forgives all our sins through worship anointing, even without "confessing" our sins.
3. It is one clean slate "Your SINS (and not just a sin)" that are forgiven"