

C. *The Home of Lazarus-----Mary and Martha*

1. The occasion: the family gathered (John 12) and the immediate background is John 11. In chapter 11 we see the relationships set in order in the family and something of the care of the home for the Lord Jesus. In the more distant background is John 10:38.
2. Notice the inter-relationship in matters of worship and service. How do these compare/contrast in showing the Lord is welcome.
3. Observations:
 - a. familiarity
 - b. understanding
 - c. order.

D. *And in Contrast, to some Degree....the Home of Simon the Pharisee as noted in Luke 7.*

1. The character and goals of the Pharisees in general with some notes on particular individuals.
2. The invitation (Luke 7:36). cf. Matthew 26:8
3. The welcome: Luke 7:44-46
4. A study in contrast and the obvious implications
5. A lesson: Where the Lord is welcome there is thanksgiving, blessing and forgiveness. A home that honors the Lord does not just happen, it is developed.

E. *A Few Practical Observations.....*

1. Our homes will be honoring to the Lord when He is welcome to them and His presence cherished. To this end....
 - a. We should welcome His guidance and trust in His Word
 - b. We should worship and serve together
 - c. We should keep our lives open before Him and His will
2. When He is welcome He is honored....when He is received grudgingly or hesitantly it is a different case.