

Preacher's Pen points

At the feet of Jesus

It is not uncommon in reading the gospels to see men and women falling at the feet of Jesus. Their instinctive reaction was to prostrate themselves before Him, their faces in the dust as they humbled themselves in His presence.

...for help

People fell at Jesus' feet to ask for His help in healing them and their loved ones—people like Jairus (Mk. 5:22), a Syrophenician woman (Mk. 7:25), and a leper (Lk. 5:12). Their posture indicated their helplessness and dependence, as well as their reverence and appreciation of His power to meet their needs.

...for forgiveness

In Lk. 7:36-39 we are told about a sinful woman who came to show her love for the Lord. This woman was deeply grateful for the grace and mercy of Christ. She must have known that he would forgive her, and she fell at Jesus' feet to express her love and desire to be forgiven.

...out of a sense of unworthiness

Jesus' miracle of the miraculous catch of fish awoke in Peter a profound sense of sinfulness and unworthiness before one who could command, as Creator of the world, the fish of

the sea to enter his nets. All he could do was fall at Jesus feet saying, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Lk. 5:8).

...to express awe

When Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John they were awe-struck by his glory and by the voice of God speaking from heaven. They "fell upon their faces" in reverence for His Majesty as God.

...for instruction

Mary sought to learn more about Jesus word "seated at His feet" Lk. 10:39). In so doing she demonstrated a higher priority than her sister who had focused only on earthly concerns.

...to give thanks

Luke 17 records the account of Jesus healing ten lepers. Only one came back to show his appreciation; but look at how he came! "*And he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. (Lk. 17:16).*

...in our worship too!

When we enter the assembly we too come to receive all the things that these people did. And like the people who fell at Jesus' feet we