



Come HUMBLE – Luke 18:9-14

TWO MEN (*with DIFFERENT characteristics*): Lk. 18:10a (cd)

- 1) A PHARISEE: Lk. 18:10ac
 - a) RELIGIOUS - the MOST PIOUS religious sect
 - i) WENT to the temple regularly
 - ii) FASTED: Lk. 18:12a
 - iii) TITHED: Lk. 18:12b; Mt. 23:23b
 - iv) BELIEVED in the resurrection of the body: Ac. 23:8
 - b) IMPORTANT - the MOST INFLUENTIAL religious sect: Mt. 23:2-3ab, 23:13b
 - c) OPPOSED Jesus: (See Mt. 12:1-37)
- 2) A TAX COLLECTOR: Lk. 18:10ad
 - a) HIRED by the Roman government
 - b) DESPISED by the Jews (CORRUPT, CONSIDERED among the lowers in society): Mk. 2:16

TWO PRAYERS (*with DIFFERENT postures and petitions*):

Lk. 18:10ab

- 1) The PHARISEE'S prayer:
 - a) EXTOLDS self, EXCLUDES others: Lk. 18:9
 - b) LEADS to sin further (*pride*): 1 Cor. 8:1bc; Prov. 16:5
 - i) His POSTURE: Lk. 18:11ab
 - ii) His PETITION: Lk. 18:11c-12
 - c) IN WHAT WAYS DO WE PRAY LIKE THIS?: Mt. 6:5ab, 7a
- 2) The TAX COLLECTOR'S prayer:
 - a) CONFESSES sin, SEEKS God's forgiveness: Ps. 32:5abc, 51:1-2, [103:10-12]
 - i) His POSTURE: Lk. 18:13abcd; Ezr. 9:6; Ps. 79:9
 - ii) His PETITION: Lk. 18:13e (See also: Ps. 130:1-2)
 - b) IN WHAT WAYS SHOULD WE PRAY LIKE THIS?: Mt. 6:6a, 12

TWO RESULTS (*with DIFFERENT outcomes*):

- 1) The Tax Collector is RECEIVED, EXALTED by God (JUSTIFIED): Lk. 18:14; (See also: Rom. 5:1; 1 Cor. 1:28-29)
 - a) Jesus BORE the penalty for sin: Rom. 5:6, 8-9; 1 Pet. 2:24
- 2) The Pharisee is REJECTED, EXCLUDED by God: Lk. 18:14 ^(MSG); Rom. 3:20b

TWO QUESTIONS (*we MUST REGULARLY ask ourselves*):

- 1) How DO we COME to God like the PHARISEE?
 - a) DOING things to show how holy we are: Gal. 5:4
 - i) FALLING into the trap of just checking boxes
 - ii) TRYING to earn our salvation
- 2) How SHOULD we COME to God like the TAX COLLECTOR?
 - a) RECOGNIZING we CAN'T earn our salvation: Rom. 11:6; Eph. 2:8-9 ^(ESV & MSG); 2 Tim. 1:8c-9
 - b) UNDERSTANDING the results of our prayers are not contingent on anything we do: Jas. 1:6-7 ^(NIV); Tit. 3:5
 - c) COMING humbly and CRYING out for mercy: 1 Pt. 5:6; Jas. 4:6-7a, 10 ^(NLT); Col. 3:12; (See also: Prov. 3:34)
 - i) KNOWING we are only able to approach the throne because of what Christ has done for us: 1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:16 ^(NASB); (See also: Rom. 5:6, 8-9; 1 Pet. 2:24)

“Gospel in Life” Group Questions for REFLECTION and APPLICATION

- 1) **BELIEVE**: WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS**: HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (*convict*) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS**: WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (*GOSPEL*) to ME today? (*CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story*)
- 4) **CHANGE**: WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM**: With WHOM does God want ME to share these truths?
 - ❖ **PREPARE for NEXT WEEK**: Read – Mk. 14:3-9; Mt. 26:6-13; Jn. 12:1-8; Lk. 7:36-50

(All Scripture references are ESV unless noted)