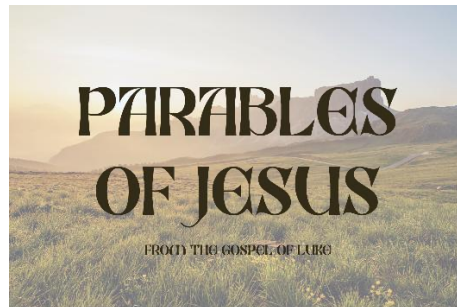


Disciple's Quest

*If you continue in My word, then
you are truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31



August 3, 2025

Luke 18:9-14

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Main idea:

Salvation is for the humble. Those who confess their sins and cry out to God in faith for His propitiating mercy, available because of Christ's sacrifice, receive His salvation. However, those who seek to earn salvation through their own merit will be humbled by God and condemned to judgment.

Outline - 4 points that set the scene, explain the story and bring out its application

- 1) Some people
- 2) Their problem
- 3) The parable
- 4) Jesus' proclamation (the application)

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

- #1 In the message, Pastor Vaughn talked about "the world's religion." What is the philosophy behind it?

How do its many practitioners seek to gain salvation?

What is its end result?

- #2 Why is it impossible to earn salvation through doing good works?

- #3 In the message, Pastor Vaughn said that the world's religion of salvation by works disparages God's grace and the redemptive work of Jesus. Do you agree?

Why?

- #4 The respective prayers of the Pharisee and the tax collector in the parable serve as "windows" through which the hearts of the two men can be viewed.

What did the Pharisee's prayer reveal about the condition of his heart?

What did the tax collector's prayer reveal about his heart condition?

- #5 What did Jesus mean when He said that the tax collector had went down to his house "justified"?

- #6 How were people saved before the cross?

How are people saved today?