LUKE 18:9-30

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

 $^{\rm 13}\,{\rm ``But}$ the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

¹⁴ "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹⁵ People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.¹⁷ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

¹⁸ A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁹ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother."

²¹ "All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.

²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²³ When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. ²⁴ Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷ Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."
²⁸ Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

²⁹ "Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰ will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."



Who Will You Trust? Luke 18:9-30

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WHO WILL YOU TRUST?

In Luke 18, Jesus underscores ______ by asking "Whom will you _____?"

THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR

- The Pharisee is grateful for _____!
- Self-righteousness isn't just a religious problem, or a conservative problem, it's a _____ problem.
- The tax collector has one recognition: his need for God's ______
- Are you coming to meet with God, to worship God, regularly and often, in ______?

LET THE CHILDREN COME

What do babies have that we need? They are _____, they are _____, they are _____.

FORSAKING ALL OTHERS

- If Jesus asks you to give up something to follow him, first of all remember that he's ______.
- Whatever he asks you to get rid of, or demote, it will be so that it does not end up ______ you from him.
- You and I cannot be saved apart from God's _____, which comes to us by his _____ and ____, not our effort or our earning.
- Anything we give up for him in this life is _______ so
 that we can gain ______, who gives us ______ life.

SONGS

Firm Foundation

Verse 1

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word What more can He say than to you He has said To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Verse 2

Fear not He is with us O be not dismayed
For He is our God our Sustainer and Strength
He'll be our Defender and cause us to stand
Upheld by His merciful almighty hand

Chorus

How firm our foundation How sure our salvation And we will not be shaken Jesus firm foundation

Verse 3

The soul that is trusting in Jesus as Lord Will press on enduring the darkest of storm And though even hell should endeavor to shake He'll never no never no never forsake He'll never no never no never forsake

Bridge

Age to age He stands faithful to the end All may fade away but He will remain He will remain

CCLI Song # 6472799

Jesus Paid it All

Verse 1

And I hear the Savior say Thy strength indeed is small Child of weakness watch and pray Find in Me thine all in all

Chorus 1

'Cause Jesus paid it all All to Him I owe Sin had left a crimson stain He washed it white as snow

Verse 2

Lord now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone

Verse 3

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete Jesus died my soul to save My lips shall still repeat

Chorus 2

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt And raised this life up from the dead

CCLI Song # 4689508

Lord I Need You

Verse 1

Lord I come I confess Bowing here I find my rest And without You I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1

Lord I need You oh I need You Every hour I need You My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are And where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me Where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You

Jesus You're my hope and stay And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus 2

Lord I need You oh I need You Every hour I need You My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

CCLI Song # 5925687

PRAYER

This passage is from last Thursday's CBR Reading.

Isaiah 26:1-9

¹ In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; God makes salvation its walls and ramparts. ² Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter. the nation that keeps faith. ³ You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. ⁴ Trust in the Lord forever. for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal. ⁵ He humbles those who dwell on high, he lays the lofty city low; he levels it to the ground and casts it down to the dust. ⁶ Feet trample it downthe feet of the oppressed, the footsteps of the poor. ⁷ The path of the righteous is level; you, the Upright One, make the way of the righteous smooth. ⁸Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; vour name and renown are the desire of our hearts. ⁹ My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for vou. When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness.