

Humble Prayer

Luke 18:9-14

Luke 18:1: Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart (cowardly, faint, lose heart, and give up.)

Luke 18:9: Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

To trust in yourself to be righteous is to be self-righteous

Paul was a Pharisee

What happened to Paul?

Isaiah 64:6: But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;

Romans 3:19: Now we know that whatever the law says, it says ...that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Galatians 3:24: Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

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Luke 18:10: Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

Matthew 5:20: For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:48: Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Are you perfect?

1 Timothy 1:15: This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

Luke 18:11: The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, "God, I thank You that I am not like other men - extortioners (robbers), unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector."

The Pharisees were not righteous but they didn't know it.

Luke 18:12: I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.

Sin and Pride

Praying, fasting, tithing doesn't make us righteous!

When you fast not If you fast!

Abraham, Jacob <—Law—> Jesus

Luke 18:13: And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat

his breast, saying, "God, be merciful (propitious) to me a sinner!"

He stood afar off

He would not raise his eyes to heaven

He beat his breast (kept beating)

God — be propitious — Me — the — sinner

Luke 18:14: I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

It's this humble prayer ... that led to this sinful man being justified!

Fulfilled in Jesus!

1 John 2:2: And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11: Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.