

Outline for Sunday, October 1, 2023
AM
God, A Self-portrait: A Study of the Parables
"Life's Big Question"
Text: Luke 18:9-14

Big Idea: *At issue in this parable is life's most important question – "How is a man justified in the eyes of God?"*

- I.** *The example of the Pharisee serves to remind us that God, in holiness, rejects the pious claims of the self-righteous. (18:9-12)*

- II.** *The prayer of the tax collector reminds us that God, in grace, responds to the humble cry of the repentant sinner. (18:13-14)*

Conclusion:

How is a man made right with God? How do you deal with your sin? It is not a matter of cleaning yourself up. It is not a matter of your performing certain acts. You can't make it right. You cannot fix this problem. All you can do is throw yourself on the mercy of God. That's the Gospel. That is why Jesus came.

God in his holiness rejects the pious claims of the self-righteous but in grace He response to the humble cry of the repentant sinner.