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Luke 18:9-14

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Also He spoke this parable to **some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:** **10** *“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, “God, I thank You that I am not like other men - extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ 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 to me a sinner!’ 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.”*

Luke 18:9-14

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

This particular parable could easily be applied to various topics. For example – the issue of worship “they went to the temple” or the issues of pride “one was a Pharisee” or the issue of sin “one was a tax collector” There are other topics that could be drawn up out of this parable as well.

There is a grave danger in looking to yourself for
“qualification” for “justification” for “exaltation”

In this parable, there is the clear teaching by Jesus about the Two (2) forms of Righteousness and how a person finds;

Acceptable and Unacceptable “Qualification”	before God.
Acceptable and Unacceptable “Justification”	before God.
Acceptable and Unacceptable “Exaltation”	before God.

THE PARABLE OF THE PHARISEE & SINNER

1.) Qualification - in the sight of God

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QUALIFICATION – IN THE SIGHT OF GOD

1a.) Who does God listen to?

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Also He spoke this parable to **some who trusted in themselves**
THAT they were righteous, and despised others: *“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.*

*“Two men (as God sees them)
went up to the temple to pray, (as God desires them)
one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. (as man sees them)*

A Warning About Religious Egotism

(what should be an oxymoron)

They trusted in themselves GRK 3982 **peitho**, *pi'-tho*
to pacify, to convince, to lean upon, to give dependence or authority to.

They were righteous GRK 1342 **dikaiois**, *dik'-ah-yos*
self approved, self innocent, self just.

They despised others = GRK 1848 **exoutheneo**, *ex-oo-then-eh'-o*
a contemptible, disgusting, least in value, something to set aside.

Notice:

That pride within us causes us to look down at others.

David Pens This Psalm Before Psalm 51

Psalm 24:3-5

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. ⁵ He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Psalm 51:1-17

(1) **Have mercy** upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, (2) **Blot out** my transgressions. ² (3) **Wash me** thoroughly from my iniquity, And (4) **cleanse me** from my sin. ³ For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight - That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge. ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. ⁶ Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. ⁷ (5) **Purge me** with hyssop, and I shall be clean; (6) **Wash me**, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ (7) **Make me** hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice. ⁹ (8) **Hide** Your face from my sins, And (9) **blot out** all my iniquities. ¹⁰ **Create** in me a clean heart, O God, And **renew** a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ (10) **Do not cast** me away from Your presence,

And (11) **do not take** Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² (12) **Restore** to me the joy of Your salvation, And (13) **uphold** me by Your generous Spirit. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You. ¹⁴ (14) **Deliver** me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. ¹⁵ O Lord, (15) **open** my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise. ¹⁶ For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart - These, O God, You will not despise.

James 4:6

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

Philippians 2:3-8 NIV

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

*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** to me a sinner!"*

(In just 7 words this man captures the heart of God)

This is Good – This is Really Good and It Blesses God

Merciful **GRK 2433 hilaskomai, hil-as'-kom-ahee;**
is there an atonement for (my sin)? Is there a substitute for me? Is there a reconciler for me?

What Jesus teaches us here is very interesting –

He is speaking to his disciples. But in his teaching, He broadens the scope to all those who will come to know Him. He says to them – "ask"

Revelation 5:1-5

And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" ³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. ⁴ So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. ⁵ But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

Luke 11:1-4,9-13

Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, ***“Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”***² So He said to them, ***“When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.”***³ ***Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.”***⁹ ***“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”***

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

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