

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

AND

SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Luke 18:9-14

○ Luke 18:9-14NIV)

- ⁹To 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.’
- ¹³ “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.”

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

- Shows two different attitudes: self-righteousness and humility
- The Pharisee corresponds to the self-righteous, merciless worshipper of the law, and the tax collector exemplifies the humiliated lawbreaker.
- Both are sinners, although the outward form of their sins differs.

1. Self righteousness can't save

- V9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else

◉ Romans 3:10

◉ No one is righteous not even one

◉ John 15:5b

◉ Apart from me you can do nothing

2. Don't judge others

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- ◉ Matthew 7:1-5 ESV

- ◉ “Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

3. Humble yourselves

- ¹³ “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.’”

- ◉ Proverbs 22:4 ESV

- ◉ The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.

- ◉ James 4:6 ESV

- ◉ But he gives more grace.

Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

4. Accepting Jesus will make us righteous

- v¹⁴ “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.”

● Romans 3:22 (NIV)

● 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,

● Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV

- For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

⦿ Romans 5:19 ESV

⦿ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Conclusion:

**OUR CHOICE
RESULTS IN
SEPARATION FROM
GOD**



**MAN
Sinful**

**God
Holy**

**NO BRIDGE
REACHES GOD...
EXCEPT ONE**

**MAN
Sinful**

GOOD DEEDS

RELIGION

MORALITY

**God
Holy**



**GOD HAS PROVIDED
THE ONLY WAY ...
EACH ONE MUST
MAKE A CHOICE**



Jesus Christ

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