

The Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector (Luke 18: 9-14)

Temple to pray:

A Pharisee and a tax collector

I. Confessions of A Self-Righteous Man: Pride & Conceit (18:11-12)

A. self-righteous man sees himself as super-spiritual

¹¹ **The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself'**

B. The Self-righteous man is proud/ boastful, he can approach God.

"The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God'"

C. The self-righteous man's gratitude is actually ingratitude

"I thank God"

D. The self-righteous man is loveless and judgmental

vs 11b "extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector"

E. The Self-righteous man trusts in his religion for acceptance with God

vs 12 "I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess."

II. The Confession of a Humble Sinner (18: 13,14)

A. A sinner – conscious of who he really is

Vs 13 'And the tax collector'

B. A sinner - Consciousness of alienation from God - guilt of his sin

vs 13 standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven

C. A sinner's real grief and sorrow for sin

vs 13 'beat his breast'

D. A sinner's plea for atoning mercy

vs 13 'saying be merciful to me a sinner'

III. Jesus' Declaration: "Justified"(18:14)

- V 14 **"I tell you"** Jesus' authority
- V 14 **this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other**
- **"everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted"**