

**LEARNING WITH LUKE 18:9-14 “TIME FOR HUMILITY”** P. 1042 PEW BIBLE

**Luke 18:9-14** - “He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt... *God, be merciful to me, a sinner...* this man went down justified... For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**1- POSTURES OF PRAYER** - attitude

- counterfeit vs authentic righteousness

Luke 18:9-10 - two examples

2 Kings 20:5,8, Acts 3:1 - temple

John 4:21-24, Eph 6:18 - in spirit

1 Cor 6:19-20, 2 Cor 6:16 - Holy Spirit

*Two men go to the temple to pray, and nothing exposes the counterfeit more quickly than the authentic. Some hear and heed to spend eternity with Christ, but those who reject Him will be among the doomed. -RC Sproul*

**2- THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS** - I-I-I-I-I

- this prayer to an idol was condemned by Christ

Luke 18:11-12 - contempt of others

Mt 6:5-6, Mk 11:25, Rev 3:17 - humility

Psalms 95:6, 28:2, 134:2, 1 Tim 2:8

Matt 5:33-35, Luke 11:42-44 - outward

*The true cure for self-righteousness is self-knowledge. Once let the eyes of our understanding be opened by the Spirit, and we shall talk no more of our own goodness. When we see what is in our own hearts, self-conceit will die. -JC Ryle*

**3- THE HUMBLE SINNER** - mercy

- this prayer to God was commended by Christ

Luke 18:13 - conscious of own sins

1 John 2:2, 4:10, Heb 2:17, Rom 3:25,

Ex 34:6-9, 2 Chr 30:9, Psa 86:15, 116:5

Luke 1:68-79, 17:13, 18:38 - mercy

Ezra 9:3-10:1 - repentance & faith

Psalms 51 - calling on God for forgiveness

1 Tim 1:12-17, 1 Cor 15:9 - 'the' sinner

*Humble repentance is the key to entry into the Kingdom. Nothing we could even pretend to boast will aid our justification. Israel (and we) must truly repent, and be exalted (elected) by God into His kingdom. -J.McDunmon*

**4- YOUR RESPONSE?** - repentance & faith

- are you coming to God to give or to receive?

Luke 18:14 - justified by God

Isa 2:11,17, Eze 21:26, Lk 14:11, Mt 23:12 - humble

Luke 16:15, Matt 5:20 - righteousness

Prov 30:12, Isa 65:5 - self-justified

- are you trusting self-righteousness or Christ's righteousness?

1 Cor 1:30, 2 Cor 5:21 - Christ our righteousness

1 Pet 2:24, 3:18, Rom 5:1-2, Eph 2:1-10 - justified by Christ

Phil 3:9, Eph 4:24, Rom 3:10-12, 20-26 - by grace thru faith

*The unrighteous heart may give lip service to humility and repentance, but it sees itself as a partner in one's own salvation, and one's own goodness is seen as the real source. They are in for a terrible surprise. -RK Hughes*  
*Justification is by faith alone in what Christ has done, through grace alone; it is the gift of God. -RC Sproul*

**DAILY BIBLE READING ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY~WORLD**

6-13 **Luke 18:9-14** - have mercy

6-14 **Exodus 34:1-10** - merciful

6-15 **Psalms 51:1-19** - forgiveness

6-16 **Ezra 9:1-10:1** - before God

6-17 **John 4:13-14, 21-24** - Spirit

6-18 **Rom 3:10-12,20-26** - Christ

6-19 **Eph 2:1-10** - grace thru faith

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God

♦ How will I be **transformed**, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey

