

Luke 18:9-14 **Pharisee & Tax Collector – Arrogant & Humble**

9 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." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✠ At the Judgment, the one trusting in his own goodness will find that his sins remain. [John 8:21-24, 9:39-41, 15:22-25, 16:8-11, Romans 3:5-20]
- ✠ The one trusting in the mercy of God through the blood of Jesus will find God has covered his sin and views him as justified. [Psalm 32:1-2, 51:1-2, 9, 85:1-2, Matthew 26:28, Romans 4:7-8, 11:26-27]
- ✠ Nehemiah knew that it is God Who covers and blots out sins. [Nehemiah 4:4-5, Jeremiah 18:23]
- ✠ The Pharisee is trusting in his own righteousness which to God is like filthy rags. [Luke 18:11-12, Isaiah 64:6]
- ✠ The Tax Collector acknowledged his sins, pleaded with God for mercy, and was justified. [Luke 18:13]
- ✠ Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. [Luke 14:11, 18:14, Matthew 23:12]
- ✠ God is able to humble the proud and exalt the humble. [Isaiah 2:11, Daniel 4:37, James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5-6]