

Series: The Upside-down Kingdom
Sermon: Kingdom Worship

Luke 18:9-14

9 Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: 10 “Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I’m certainly not like that tax collector! 12 I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’

13 “But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’ 14 I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Worship and the ATTITUDE of your Heart

Proper Worship flows from a Proper ASSESSMENT

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Psalms 50:1-5

Humble Worship brings JUSTIFICATION

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1 Peter 5:5 ... “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

Questions for Discussion:

- 1. Why do you think the Pharisee acted the way he did?*
- 2. Why do you think the tax collector acted the way he did?*
- 3. How would the tax collector likely be received by your church? How about the Pharisee?*
- 4. Tell of a time you were desperate. Tell of a time you were desperate for God.*