



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 18:9-14 (NAS)

Topic: "Only One Correct Approach to God:"

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- 9 And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt:
- 10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.
- 11 "The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.
- 12 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'
- 13 "But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'
- 14 "I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

I. FALSE PERCEPTIONS

- A. Among Protestants
- B. In The Catholic Church

II. THE PARABLE TO THOSE WHO TRUST IN THEMSELVES

- A. To Pharisees
- B. To A Much Broader Group Of People

III. TWO MEN IN THE PARABLE

- A. The Pharisee
 - 1. Church goer
 - 2. Church leader
- B. The Tax Collector
 - 1. A man of many sins
 - 2. A man of repentance

IV. THE PROUD MAN'S PRAYER

- A. He Prayed To Himself
- B. He Congratulated Himself
- C. He Declared He Was A Moral Man
- D. He Showed Arrogance In Dealing With Others
- E. He Compared Himself With Others And Not With God

V. THE TAX COLLECTOR'S PRAYER

- A. He Acknowledged His Sin
- B. He Pleaded For Mercy (Propitiation) *1 John 2:1, 2*
- C. God Received His Prayer
- D. He Was Justified