



REIGNITING YOUR PASSION FOR CHRIST

A Study of the Gospel of Luke

SEVEN WORDS THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE LUKE 18:9-14

INTRODUCTION: There is only one sin that will keep you out of heaven and it's probably not the one you are thinking about! Today, we are going to look at Jesus' final—and clearest—parable about how a person can be welcomed into God's presence.

I. **The Purpose Of The Parable** (Luke 18:9)

Luke 18:9 “And He [Jesus] also told this parable to certain ones who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt;”

II. **The Players In The Parable** (Luke 18:10-13)

Luke 18:10 “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee, and the other a tax-gatherer.”

A. **The Pharisee**

1. **His character**
2. **His prayer**

Luke 18:11-12 ¹¹“The Pharisee stood and was praying thus to himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax-gatherer. ¹² I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’”

B. The Tax Collector

1. His character

2. His prayer

Luke 18:13 “But the tax-gatherer, 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!’”

a. He expresses sorrow for his sin

Luke 18:13b “God, be merciful to me, the sinner!”

b. He requested God’s mercy to cover his sin

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Hebrews 9:11-12 ¹¹“But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; ¹²and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”

III. The Point Of The Parable (Luke 18:14)

Luke 18:14 “I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, but he who humbles himself shall be exalted.”

Romans 5:1 “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Luke 18:14b “For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, but he who humbles himself shall be exalted.”

Conclusion