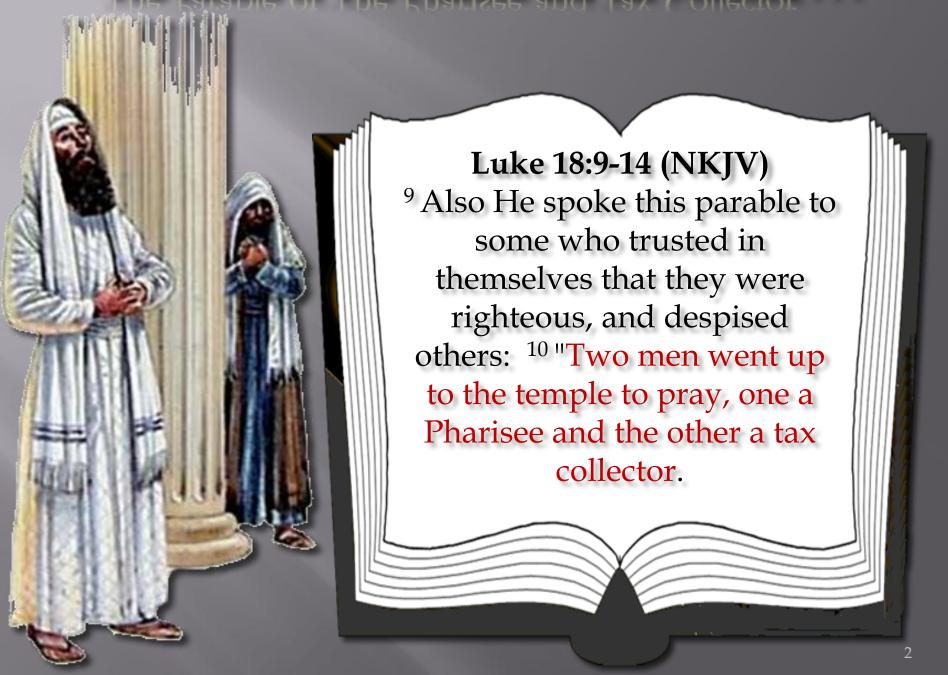
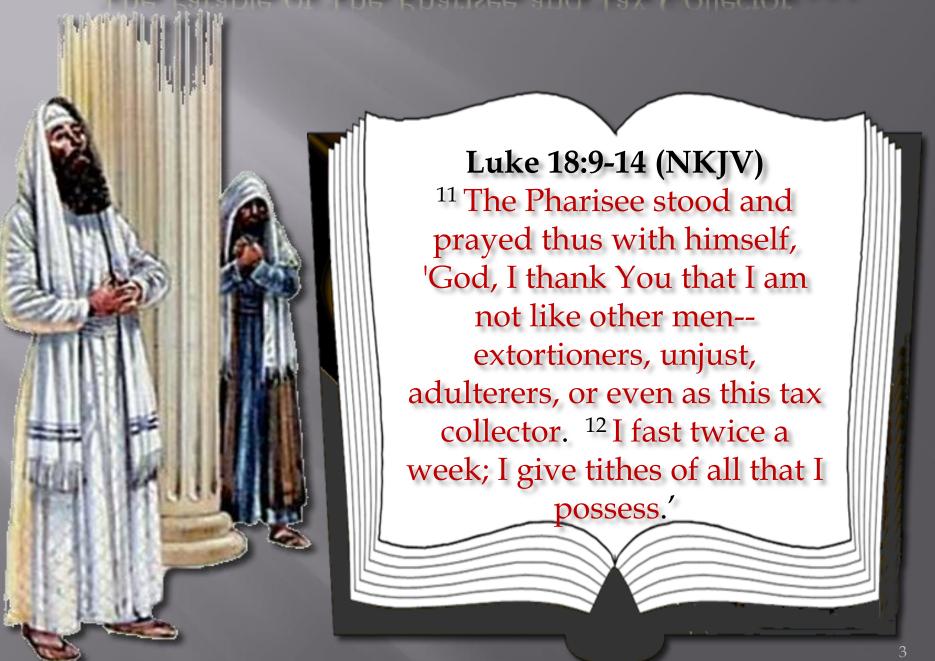


Two Men, Two Prayers, Two Attitudes, Two Verdicts

Luke 18:9-14











#### The Lesson Is Not:

- ◆ That mercy and grace negate the essentiality of obedience Luke 17:10; Titus 2:12-14; James 2:14-26; Rom. 6:16-18
- ► That self examination has no relationship to our confidence in our salvation 2 Cor. 13:5; Rom. 8:14,16; 1 John 5:13
- That we should never condemn sin or rebuke the sinner Prov. 27:5; 1 Tim. 5:20; 1 Cor. 6:9-11

### The Two Men

#### The Pharisee (11,12):

- ♦ The word 'Pharisee' means 'set apart'
- ◆ Taught a lot of truth Mt. 23:2-5
- Added restrictions beyond what was required by the Law – Mt. 15:1-9; 23:2-5
- ◆ Jesus never condemned them for following the Law – but rather for their hypocrisy, self righteousness, man made traditions and lack of compassion and love – Mt. 15:7-9; 23;

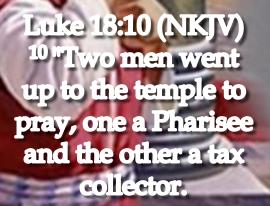
Luke 18:10 (NKJV)

10 "Two men went
up to the temple to
pray, one a Pharisee
and the other a tax
collector.

### The Two Men

#### The Tax Collector (13):

- ♦ Collected taxes for the oppressive Roman Government Viewed as turncoats and thieves.
- Often involved excess, exploitation, and corruption – Considered cheaters
- ◆ Extortion and threats were part of this system They would turn those who wouldn't or couldn't pay over to the soldiers to be punished.
- Considered the scum of the earth -





### **The Pharisee (11,12):**

- Misdirected his prayer "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself," (11)
- ◆ Compared himself to others "God, I thank You that I am not like other men-extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector." (11)
- ★ Was proud that he had exceeded the requirements of the Law "I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess." (12)



#### The Tax Collector (13):

- "Standing afar off" An expression of unworthiness.
- "Would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven" - An expression of guilt.
- "But beat his breast" An expression of grief and anguish.
- "Saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!" An expression of dependency (humility) and repentance.

# The Two Attitudes



- ◆ **The Pharisee** Superiority, despised others, self righteousness, felt worthy to approach God because of his goodness, self-sufficiency.
- ◆ The Tax Collector − Humility, unworthiness, penitence, insufficiency.

# The Two Verdicts



#### Luke 18:14 (NKJV)

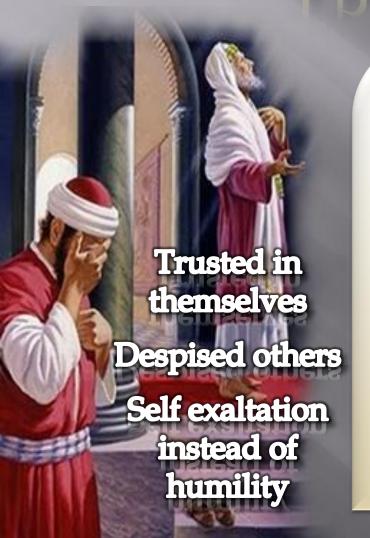
<sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

# The Two Verdicts



- ◆ The Pharisee Did not seek forgiveness - nor did he receive it. He came to the temple to pray and went home only receiving the praise of men - unjustified!
- ◆ The Tax Collector Confessed his sin and sought forgiveness and received it. He went home right with God!

## The Lessons



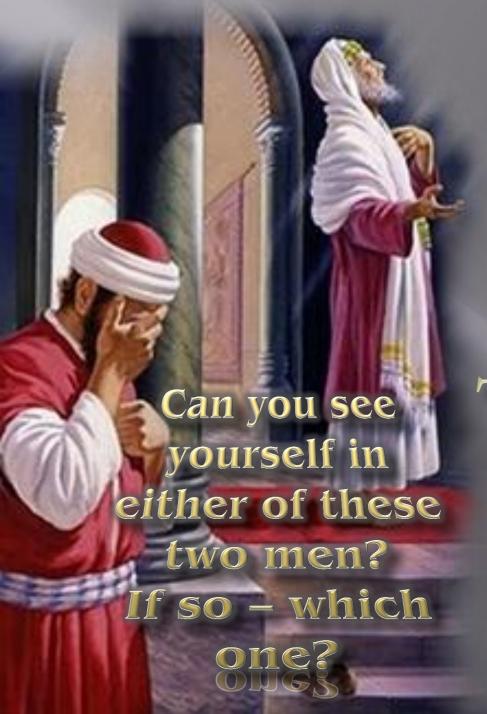
<sup>9</sup> Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

14"... for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

### The Lessons



- ♦ We must have the right attitude toward ourselves Rom. 3:23; Col. 2:13; James 4:6-10; Rev. 1:6; 5:10
- We must have the right attitude toward God - 1 Cor. 8:6; Ecc. 12:13;
   Mark 12:29,30; John 3:16; 2 Pet. 3:9
- We must have the right attitude toward Others - Mark 12:31; 1 John 3:17-19; Mat. 6:14; 2 Cor. 10:12



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