

## Lessons in Luke -- Lesson 10 – Jesus, the Pharisee, and the Tax Collector

### Introduction:

Simeon prophesied over baby Jesus that He would raise up many weak persons and bring down many proud persons (Luke 2:33-35). This week we study Luke 18:9-14.

### Read this passage at least five times, then answer the questions as best you can:

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

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

<sup>11</sup> "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. <sup>12</sup> 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'

<sup>13</sup> "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!'

<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."  
(Lk. 18:9-14 NKJ)

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ . . . for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified." Galatians 2:16

To what group of people did Jesus tell this parable?

Who were the Pharisees? The tax collectors?

What does the Pharisee pray about?

What does Jesus mean when He says "the Pharisee . . . prayed thus with himself"? Was God hearing his prayer? Why/why not?

How does the tax collector pray?

What does the tax collector pray about?

Who leaves the Temple right with God? Why?

Based on Galatians 2:16, what is the significance of Luke 18:14 when Jesus says "this man went down to his house justified"?