

Main Scripture: Luke 18:9-17

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated 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, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

15 Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 17 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

Scripture References:

Luke 17:20-21 – Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, 21 nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

Luke 10:21 – In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

Matthew 5:3-10 – 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 6:24-26 – “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

25 “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. “Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. 26 “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

Psalms 51:16-17 – For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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Jesus our Rabbi #3 – Luke 18:9-17 – A Kingdom for the Humble

Question: Where do we see God's preference for the Humble in the Old Testament Scriptures?

Mark 1:14-15 Jesus: The time is _____, the Kingdom of God is at Hand!

Luke 17:20-21 The Kingdom is _____ you! [or Translation: it is in your _____.]

Matthew 5:1-10 *Who (what kind of people) can rejoice at the coming of the Kingdom?*

Luke 6:24-26 *Who (what kind of people) should mourn at the coming of the Kingdom?*

Why is the Kingdom good news for the humble but not the proud?

Luke 18:17 – To enter the Kingdom one must receive it as a _____ from _____

We do not receive it as an _____ we deserve or have _____.

Luke 18:9-14 Jesus aims this parable at those who...

The Prayer of the Pharisee:

One: Prayed about _____

Two: Lifted up his own _____

Three: Looked _____ on others nearby

The Prayer of the Tax Collector:

Was mindful of the _____ of God

Looked to the _____ of God

Was aware of His own _____

Practical Application: *What does it mean to humble oneself before God?*

To _____ God and His Holiness

Be _____ of our _____ and Faults

To Love _____ and _____.

Time for Confession: Psalm 51:17 – A broken and _____ heart He will not despise