

# The Parables Of Jesus

## Lesson 15

### The Parable Of The Pharisee & The Publican (Lk. 18:9-14)

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#### *Where & When:*

- On the way to Jerusalem (Lk. 17:11)
  - It is right at 3 months before Jesus' crucifixion
  - *The Perea Ministry* has ended
  - Jesus has already been to Bethany to raise Lazarus (Jn. 11)
  - He travels N back through Samaria & Galilee to join the pilgrims making their annual trek to Jerusalem for Passover
    - They'll go back through Perea to avoid Samaria, coming out opposite Jericho (19:1)

#### *Occasion Producing The Parable:*

- This parable was told to certain ones who were self-righteousness (v. 9)
  - They trusted in themselves
  - They viewed others with contempt

#### *Questions:*

- 1) Who are the parable's 2 main characters? (v. 10) What are they doing?
- 2) Whose prayer is mentioned first? (vv. 11-12) How would you describe it?
- 3) Religion for this man was not an opportunity to revere & thank God, but to do what?
- 4) How do we know his idea of "worship" and "service" to God was hypocritical? (Mt. 15:1-9) How did people generally view him? (Mt. 6:1-7)

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- 5) Thought question: though this Pharisee despised this publican, why did he “need” him?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) Whose prayer is mentioned second? (v. 13) How would you describe it? (cp. 1 Tim. 1:15)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7) What do we generally know about publicans (*tax collectors*)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 8) Why was the publican justified, and the Pharisee not? (Prov. 16:18)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 9) What is the main lesson Jesus intended to teach from this parable?