

THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE

THAT YOU MAY HAVE CERTAINTY

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The Attitude Needed to Enter the Kingdom

Luke 18:9-17

Luke 18:9-17 (ESV)

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:

Luke 18:9-17 (ESV)

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

Luke 18:9-17 (ESV)

¹¹The 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.

Luke 18:9-17 (ESV)

¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'

Luke 18:9-17 (ESV)

¹³But 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!'

Luke 18:9-17 (ESV)

¹⁴I 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.”

Luke 18:9-17 (ESV)

¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

Luke 18:9-17 (ESV)

¹⁶But 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.

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¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

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Two Men, Two Approaches to God (vss. 9-13)

How NOT to Approach God (vss. 11-12)

Matthew 23:23-27 (ESV)

²³“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.

Matthew 23:23-27 (ESV)

²⁴You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

Matthew 23:23-27 (ESV)

²⁵“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

Matthew 23:23-27 (ESV)

²⁶You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

Matthew 23:23-27 (ESV)

²⁷“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness.

How to Approach God (vss. 13)

The Point (vss. 14)

Romans 3:21-25 (ESV)

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

Romans 3:21-25 (ESV)

²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:

Romans 3:21-25 (ESV)

²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:21-25 (ESV)

²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Romans 3:21-25 (ESV)

²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

The Point Reinforced (vss. 15-17)

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