

Come and get your prayers answered

⁹To some who trusted in their own righteousness and viewed others with contempt, He also told this parable: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like the other men—swindlers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and pay tithes of all that I acquire.’

¹³But the tax collector stood at a distance, unwilling even to lift up his eyes to heaven. Instead, he beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner!’

¹⁴I tell you, this man, rather than the Pharisee, went home justified. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Luke 18:9-14

Come v10-13
 ‘come... come... come...’ Revelation 22:17
 Romans 3:23
 Ephesians 4:12
 John 10:14-15
 1 Peter 2:5
 1 Peter 2:3-4
 1 Corinthians 4:1-2
 1 Peter 2:9

Come v11-13
 Come with your
 Look backward with...
 Come with your
 Look forward with...

Come v14
 Come humble. Go
 ‘those He justified, He also... Romans 8:28-30
 Come humble. Go
 ‘Humble yourselves, so He may... 1 Peter 5:6

My prayer priorities for this week

S 31 Moses & Sharon, Elizabeth, Ruth, Joseph
 M 1 Val A. Lorraine B
 T 2 Stuart & Kaye
 W 3 Clarence and Irene
 T 4 Jim C. Lerida
 F 5 Robert & Dianne
 S 6 Lurline & Terry
 S 7 Joy D. Mary F.

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. To other people who were in the temple, what might they conclude about these two men, the Pharisee, and the tax collector?
2. Why might it be helpful, or harmful, to observe other people while we are at worship?
3. Everything the Pharisee said (v11-12) was true. So, why did Jesus refuse to honour him (v14)?
4. Can those who do not work for the Tax Office also pray the prayer of v13? Why, or why not?
5. List what the tax collector did and said. Which of these is a good role model for you?
6. Both men prayed only for themselves. How do we balance praying for ourselves with praying for others?

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