

July 21, 2024

Sermon Series

Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Sacred Conversations

Today's Message

A Prayer for Mercy

Today's Main Scripture

Luke 18:9-14

Support Scripture

Matthew 5:2-8

Philippians 2:5-8

James 4:6

Romans 5:7-11

Main Point

So far in our series we have looked at our riches in Christ and the abundance of our Father's wealth; the "hallowing" of God's name as the "end" of all prayer; the joy of interceding on behalf of others; and Hannah's prayer of desperation. This morning, we turn to Luke's Gospel and the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector where we see a stark contrast in the heart posture of two individuals and their approach to God. As we will see, the tax collector demonstrates a sincere heart of humility and an appropriate self-assessment common throughout the scripture's many sacred conversations.

- Two Men
- Two Perspectives
- Two Approaches

Self Reflection:

1) Do you notice any aspects of the Pharisee's prayer seeping into your prayers? What needs to change?

2) As you reflect on your own prayer life, what posture of the heart most characterizes your prayers?

3) As you pray this week, pay attention to your heart and consider making requests for mercy and grace a regular part of your prayers.

