

# The Pharisee & The Publican

**Luke 18:9-14**

# Introduction

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- Humility Needed

“a modest or low view of one’s own importance; humbleness”

-- Oxford Dictionary

- Romans 12:3
- James 4:6, 10

# Two Attitudes

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- The Pharisee
  - Luke 14:7-11
- The Publican
  - Luke 14:11



# Two Approaches

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- The Pharisee
  - *Aren't you proud of me!*
- The Publican
  - *I am not worthy!*

# Two Outcomes

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- The Pharisee
  - Rejected by God
- The Publican
  - Accepted and forgiven

# Humbleness in Prayer

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- “to be bowed down”
  - Romans 12:10
  - Proverbs 15:33
  - Isaiah 29:16; 64:8
  - Jeremiah 18:4, 6
  - Romans 9:20-21



# Humbleness in Prayer

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- How applied to prayer?
  - Matthew 10:29-30
  - Matthew 6:7-8
  - 2 Corinthians 10:12
  - James 4:10
  - Hebrews 4:12-13



# Humbleness in Prayer

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- Don't confuse boldness with haughtiness
  - Hebrews 10:19-23
  - Hebrews 4:14-16
  - 1 John 3:19-22





# Conclusion

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- God wants us to come to Him
- God will listen to us
- Prayer is a privilege

Are we in the **right relationship**  
with our heavenly Father?