

Prayer for Illumination

Jesus, Word in flesh – we ask Your help: less of ourselves; more of You. Amen

Luke 18:9-14 *That good, really!?!*

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable:

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

The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like the other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get”.

But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to Heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner”.

I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted”.

Amen

Micah 6:8 *What does God require?*

God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does God require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Amen

Romans 12:3 *Be Sensible*

Do not think of yourselves more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

Philippians 2:3 *Value Others*

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others.

Amen