

A cinematic scene showing Jesus on the right, with long dark hair and a beard, wearing a white robe. He is looking towards a group of men on the left. The men are dressed in traditional Middle Eastern attire, including turbans and robes. One man in the center is looking at Jesus with an expressive face. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and foliage. The overall tone is dramatic and historical.

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Self Righteousness – Luke 18:9,14

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⁹ And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Focal Truth:

God justifies the sinner who confesses his sin.

Observations:

1. The self-righteous convince themselves they are righteous. – Luke 18:9
2. The self-righteous convince themselves they are superior to others. – Luke 18:9
3. The self-righteous convince themselves they are justified by their works. – Luke 18:11-12
4. God justifies the sinner who confesses his sinfulness. – Luke 18:13-14

Things to Remember and Do:

1. The self-righteous are not righteous.
2. Selfish pride produces self-righteousness.
3. Do not think more highly of yourself than God thinks of you! Rom. 12:3
4. God gives grace to the humble – he who humbles himself will be exalted. James 4:6



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