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Lesson No. 2 Does God hear our prayers?



Luke 18: 9-14



James 4: 6

Some people love to talk about themselves. They like to tell others what they have and what they do. Here is a story which the Lord Jesus told. It is about two men, one of whom was a very strict, religious Jew called a **PHARISEE**. The other was a **TAX COLLECTOR**, or publican, who was hated by everyone because he worked for the Romans.

Look at verse 9 and write **IN YOUR OWN WORDS** why Jesus told this story.

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Which man was proud of his own goodness?



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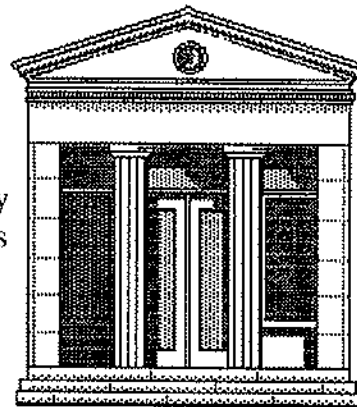
Which man knew he had done wrong?

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Where did they go to pray?

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In the days of the Lord Jesus, this was the place to which many Jews went to pray. Today many people go to church buildings of all kinds to pray. But it is important to know that we can pray to God **ANYWHERE** and **AT ANY TIME!**

What three 'good' things did the Pharisee say about himself?

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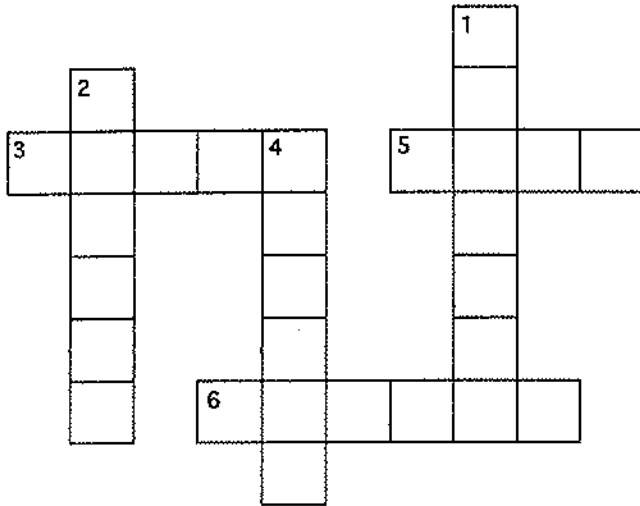
There was nothing wrong with the Pharisee doing these things, but he should not have tried to tell God how 'good' he was!

To find out what is the right way to pray to God, write out the part of the Key Verse that begins with 'God'.

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The tax collector's prayer was short and honest. He knew that he had done many things wrong. He was very sorry and asked God to have mercy on him.

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3. Who told this story?
5. The two men went to the Temple to _____.
6. The tax collector wouldn't even look up to _____.

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1. This story is also called a _____.
2. The building to which they went.
4. The tax collector called himself a _____.

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After praying, both of the men went home. However, the Lord Jesus said that only one was right with God (justified). This means he had confessed his sins and had been forgiven. He went home, knowing that things had been put right between him and God.

Which man went home 'right with God'?

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Look at verse 14 and draw a line from each box to the man it suits best.



The humble man

God will make him great

God will humble him



The proud man

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God listens to humble, honest prayers. He will not answer those who are proud or boastful. Pray now and ask Him to forgive you for the wrong you've done. Then thank Him for sending the Lord Jesus into the world to die for you. When *you* do this, things are put right between *you* and God.

For teacher's remarks

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