

August 25, 2024

Scripture Text: Luke 18:9-14 MSG

SUBJECT: "A Blessing In The House"

Introduction: I wonder this morning as we have gathered in God's house, how many came to be a part of the worship experience and how many just came to church.

Whether you realize it or not there is a difference between participating in the worship experience and just showing up for church.

In this text Jesus presents us with a parable of warning:

- against the thought of allowing our own self-righteousness to replace the righteousness of God
- against the perils of praying for the hearing of the crowd and not the hearing of the Christ
- against coming to church in a state of lostness and going home the same way

Sermon Points

Major Moment: If worship is to really take place in the lives of God's people there are some conditions that must not only be realized but they must become reality in our lives.

- **One Man Worshiped With Humility**
 - Matthew 6:5
 - Psalm 34:4
 - Isaiah 55:6
- **One Man's Worship Was Heartfelt**
 - Proverbs 16:18
 - Galatians 6:3
 - First Corinthians 10:12
- **One Man Was Helped By The Worship Experience**
 - Luke 18:14
 - Isaiah 29:13

Summary Verse: "God is sheer being itself – Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration." **John 4:24 MSG**