

The Ones Who Pray

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise." Psalm 51:17, English Standard Version

Psalm 24:5 – In prayer we are entering God's _____.

They Don't Trust Their Own Righteousness

- A. Luke 18:9,10 – These two men show us, in both a _____ and a _____ way, how we are to _____ to God.
- B. A warning against trusting one's own righteousness:
 - 1. 18:11,12 – How often the _____ used the word "____"!
 - 2. Ezekiel 33:13 – Our righteous _____ won't be _____ if we act _____.
 - 3. Philippians 3:8,9 – Only _____'s righteousness matters.

They Don't Judge Other People

- A. 18:11 – Tax collectors like _____ and _____ became _____ to Christ.
- B. Judging others raises barriers to our prayers:
 - 1. Matthew 7:1-3 – We'll be _____ as we _____ others.
 - 2. 1 Corinthians 4:5 – Only the _____ knows the _____.
- C. Evans: "Faith _____ expresses itself as _____ others."

They Are Focused

- A. 18:13a – The tax collector wouldn't _____ up to _____.
- B. As we pray we must remain focused:
 - 1. Habakkuk 1:13 – God is too _____ to look at what is _____.
 - 2. Hebrews 11:6 – To draw _____ to God, we have to _____ that He _____ and that He _____.
- C. We can't allow our prayers to become mere _____.

They Are Contrite

- A. 18:13 – The tax collector knew he was a _____.
- B. A call to be contrite in God's presence:
 - 1. Isaiah 66:22b – God hears those who are _____ and _____, who _____ at His word.
 - 2. Psalm 51:17 – God doesn't _____ a _____ heart.
- C. 18:14 – The tax collector went home _____.

If we don't heed Jesus, will our prayers be _____ by God?

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