

# 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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