

An All Purpose Prayer  
Luke 18.9-14 July 9, 2017

Psalm 36.2: *For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin.*

A Sampler

- Psalm 22.21: “Rescue me!”
- Psalm 116.16: “Behold your servant.
- Psalm 139.23: “Search me, O God.”
- Psalm 142.5: “You are my portion.”
- Mark 9.24: “I believe - Help my unbelief.”

*“Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Son of God have mercy on me, a sinner.”*



The Audience

<sup>9</sup> *To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable:*

The Attitude

<sup>10</sup> *“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.*



A “Prayer”

<sup>11</sup> *The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men — robbers, evildoers, adulterers — or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’*

A Real Prayer

<sup>13</sup> *“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’”*



App 1:

The Antidote

- ✓Sorrow over sin
- ✓Safety in Christ
- ✓Security in the Promise



<sup>14</sup> *“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”*