

"The Elements of Repentance"

Luke 18:9-14

Introduction:

Repentance of Sin – involves acknowledging one's guilt caused by sin, which leads to a brokenness of the heart, followed by a confession of one's sins to Christ, and then a turning away from the sins. When these steps are genuine God does His part to forgive our sins.

"When we REPENT of our sins, there should be a change."

I. The Quote, Unquote Righteous Audience v.9

- a. This is the people who believe you can get to heaven by being a good person
- b. The Pharisees were the leader of such beliefs - living by the letter of the Law

II. The Two Men and the Temple v.10

- a. They both went to worship (pray) in the Temple
- b. Because there was going to be a sin offering for atonement for the sins of the people
- c. There would be a time of priestly blessing
- d. And there would be an offering of incense symbolizing prayer to God

III. The Pharisee v.11-12

- a. Stood praying - with eyes lifted toward heaven and arms lifted up
- b. He made sure everyone could see his prayer posture Matt 6:5
- c. His prayer was really to himself. Because he was the creator of his righteousness
- d. He identified how he was so much better than the sinners

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- e. And he thought he proved his righteousness by fasting more than commanded and giving a tithe on even the smallest herbs and seeds v.12

IV. The Tax Collector / the Elements of Repentance v.13

- a. His approach to God was very different,
 - i. He stood away from everyone
 - ii. Because he was unworthy to stand before God
 - iii. Because he knew he was a sinner
- b. The Elements of Repentance we own:
 - i. He was **Convicted** his posture revealed that - he couldn't lift his eyes to heaven because of guilt and shame
 - ii. There was **Contrition** - he was remorseful in his heart - he beat his chest in great anguish Lk 15:47-49
 - iii. And he **Confessed** his sin - he identified himself as the Sinner
 - iv. And there was a **Renunciation** of the Sin - asking God to show atoning mercy toward him

V. God's Response to Genuine Repentance v.14

- a. Instant Salvation / Forgiveness
- b. God's Elements of Repentance
 - i. **Restitution** - which is the act of paying the price for sin - it was Christ who paid that
 - ii. **Reformation** - which is a change from bad to good.
 - iii. **Transformation** - this is the renewal of our heart in Christ Jesus and His word