

## THE ATTITUDE OF ANSWERED PRAYER

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Luke 18:9-14

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### **INTRODUCTION:** THE VALUE OF VULNERABILITY

The depth of a relationship is equal to the willingness of both parts to be vulnerable.

#### **Proper Prayer Attitudes So Far**

Desperation, sincerity, humility, love, and persistence

Jesus shows us two types of prayers in Luke 18, the prayer from insecurity and the prayer from vulnerability. The lesson is simple:

**Proposition:** God hears the prayers of vulnerable people.

### **I. A PRAYER FROM INSECURITY**

#### **Insecurity**

Uncertainty or anxiety about oneself that seeks to preserve oneself from danger or exposure.

A. INSECURE PRAYERS CAN'T REVEAL WHO THEY TRULY ARE, VV. 11, 12

1. Some People Seek The Safety of Silence

## 2. The Pharisee Found Safety In Cleverly Crafted Words

a. The pharisee was probably telling the truth

i. I am not a swindler

ii. I am not unjust

iii. I am not I am not an adulterer

iv. I am not like this tax collector

v. I fast twice a week

vi. I pay tithes of all that I get

? What is missing?

b. The pharisee wasn't telling the whole truth

## B. INSECURE PRAYERS SIT IN JUDGEMENT ON OTHERS, VV. 11, 12

1. Sometimes this happens in silence.

2. Sometimes this happens out loud.

God did not hear his prayer.

## II. A PRAYER FROM VULNERABILITY, V. 13

### A. VULNERABLE PRAYERS ARE NOT CONCERNED WITH WHAT OTHERS SEE OR HEAR

We see this kind of vulnerability throughout Scripture.

1 Samuel 1:12-18

2 Samuel 6:16-23

1 Corinthians 7:7ff.

### B. VULNERABLE PRAYERS ARE CONCERNED WITH HONESTY BEFORE GOD

### C. VULNERABILITY IN THE CORPORATE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Not only are we called to be vulnerable before God, but we see that we are called to be vulnerable toward each other in the church.

#### **Proverbs 14:15**

The naive believes everything, But the sensible man considers his steps.

#### **Proverbs 27:12**

A prudent man sees evil and hides himself, The naive proceed and pay the penalty.

The Bible says not to be naïve, but naivete is different from vulnerability.

Vulnerability is not weakness; it is entrusting yourself to the care of God as you practice loving others.

? Do you realize that distrust of others actually came before any reason anyone had to be guarded?

Genesis 3:1-13

**Matthew 5:38-42**

You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

James 5:13-18

Philippians 2:1-4; 2:5-8

**James 4:6**

God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

Romans 12:9ff.

**CONCLUSION:** IMPLICATIONS OF THE VULNERABLE PRAYER