



Priest & Sinner Story

Luke 18:9-14

Judging Hearts - heart & scales - Let me tell you a story about how Jesus judges hearts. Jesus and his disciples observed two people praying at the temple.

Self Righteous - priest, flag, serpent - The priest thought God favored him because of his obedience. Deceived by pride, he glorified himself and his deeds.

Powerful Humility - sorrowful man & flame - The Holy Spirit moved in the tax collector's heart. He knew he needed forgiveness, and he begged God for mercy.

Kingdom Come - praising man, flame, house, cloud, crown - God's kingdom reigns in the sinner's heart and home. God blesses the one who seeks after his heart.

Storytellers Sight

- How is it possible to do your best to live faithfully by God's holy laws, and yet still be far from his will?
- What did the disciples see when they watched the Pharisee and tax collector praying at the temple?
- Why did the Pharisee think he was righteous?
- Why was the tax collector begging God for mercy?
- What does it feel like to be humbled in a situation?
- What is the Spirit telling God about your heart today?