



## **Priest & Sinner**

Luke 18:9-14

Judging Hearts - heart & scales - Jesus wanted to help his disciples understand how God evaluates our true motives. He told them a story about two men praying.

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 - Jesus said only the tax collector prayed God's way. God will judge the prideful and bless the humble.

## **Storytellers Sight**

- How is it possible to do your best to live faithfully by God's rules, and yet still stray far away from his will?
- Was it hard for the disciples when Jesus pointed out the sins of Israel's leaders like the Pharisees? Why?
- Compare the priest's prayer to the sinner's prayer.
- Why did the Pharisee think he was right with God?
- What signs reveal the sinner desired forgiveness?
- How does it feel to discover pride lives in your heart?