

Sermon Notes

How to Receive Eternal Life (And How to Miss Out)

Luke 18:9-30

Intro: At least I'm not as bad as them...

how can we be sure we're okay?

1. The VERDICT of God's coming kingdom is available NOW:

(9-14)

Relatively Good Pharisee v Notoriously Bad Tax Collector

- "I'm not as bad as others"
- "I'm contributing some good"



=Not Justified!!

- "I'm a sinner"
- "Have mercy"



=Justified!!

Why? '**everyone** who exalts themselves will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted'

2. BELONGING to God's coming kingdom is available NOW

(15-30)

Totally empty-handed Child v Prime candidate: Rich, Moral, Ruler

- Nothing to contribute
- Receives as a gift



=Entry!!

- Thinks he is okay
- But really isn't



=No Entry!!

3. BLESSINGS of God's coming kingdom are available NOW

(28-30)

Conclusion: Luke wrote so that we might have certainty... do you?

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