

ANSWER SHEET

A Study of the Gospel according to Luke
Fall Session#4 Eternal Life/Help from God
Read Luke 18: 1 – 43

1. Jesus spoke a parable that we ought to always pray. What does it mean to persist in prayer?

To persist in prayer means to keep your requests constantly before God as we live for Him day by day, believing He will answer.

It does not mean endless repetition or painfully long prayer sessions. When we live by faith, we are not to give up.

2. The parable of the two men in verse 18:9 is directed to three self-centered persons. Describe who these three persons and what makes them self-centered.
 - a. Those who trust in themselves; that is., those who feel they are completely self-sufficient and have no need for anyone else.
 - b. Those who are self-righteous. There are those who feel they are good enough for God as they are. They go about life living as they wish, worshipping God only enough to satisfy their consciences. Then there are those who have a sensitive conscience and feel the need to give themselves to doing good works as much as is humanly possible. They work in order to secure the favor of God.
 - c. Those who despise others. These persons feel and act as though they are above and better, more important, and significant than others.
3. The prayer of the Sinner is found in verse 18:13. What are the significant aspects of his prayer?
 - a. The sinner stood “afar off.” Meaning he was ashamed and embarrassed by his sin. He felt cut off both by God and man.
 - b. The sinner felt he was unworthy to face God. This is seen in that he would not so much as lift his eyes up to heaven. He did lift his heart.
 - c. The sinner cried for mercy. He called himself “the sinner.” This means that he felt that he was *the sinner*, the one who had hurt and shamed God more than anyone else, the one who was more underserving than anyone else. He is praying for God to remove His anger and judgment from Him.

4. What are the traits that Little Children possess that Jesus says exist in heaven?
 - a. A child is usually dependent and trusting.
 - b. A child is usually responsive and submissive.
 - c. A child is usually obedient and learning.
 - d. A child is usually humble and forgiving.

5. The disciples were shocked and thoroughly dismayed, that Jesus was saying something about wealth that was the opposite of what they and everyone else had always thought. What are the misconceptions about wealth that have been taught and believed?
 - a. That prosperity (wealth, comfort, and things) are God's blessings
 - b. That a person receives because God is blessing them.
 - c. That prosperity is the reward of righteousness and obedience
 - d. That God blesses a person with things of this earth if they are righteous and obedient.

6. What is the only possibility for wealthy persons to be saved?

The only possibility for a wealthy person to be saved is God.

It is impossible for a rich person to save themselves

The rich person must turn to God and love God and do God's will by loving his neighbor as himself or herself. God alone can save a rich person.

The decisions are up to the rich person. You can turn to be with God in eternity, or you can continue to live for yourself now and can suffer eternal condemnation.

7. In reading verses 18:32 – 33, we find that there were three prophecies in particular to be fulfilled. What were they? (*Hint – Also read Isaiah 53.*)
 - a. Jesus was to be tortured and disgraced, injured and insulted.
 - b. Jesus was to be put to death.
 - c. Jesus was to rise from the dead.

8. There are two apparent conflicts among the three gospel accounts of Jesus healing the Blind Beggar. After reading Luke's account, read Matthew 20:29 – 34 and Mark 10:46 – 52.
What are the apparent conflicts between these versions of the same event?

- a. The actual location where the healing of Bartimaeus took place. Luke said it took place as Jesus “came near” to Jericho. Matthew and Mark said the event took place as He “departed from Jericho.”

Apparently, what happened is what happens in any big city. There was an old Jericho (the one so often mentioned in the Old Testament), and a new Jericho built by Herod the Great; or what we might say today, an old section of town and a new section.

- b. The number of blind men involved. Matthew said there were two; Mark and Luke said one, and Mark gave his name as Bartimaeus.

The simplest explanation of what happened is what often happens in an ordinary conversation when an event is being explained: the spokesman or prominent person is the only one mentioned. In this case the prominent person is Bartimaeus. Therefore, Bartimaeus is the only blind man referred to by Mark and Luke refers to only one blind man.