

## A Call to Humility

**Scripture:** Psalm 51: 16-17

Psalm 51:16-17 KJV For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

### Introduction

The worst "ism" facing our nation is neither communism nor humanism: the most damaging of all is egotism.

### I. The call to humility lays aside all self efforts

Luke 18:10-13 KJV Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

- A. I'm not like other men
- B. I'm religious
- C. I'm a tither

### II. Pride brings us under God's discipline

1 Peter 5:5b KJV ... for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

- A. The pattern of pride
  - 1. Our pride exalts us above God
  - 2. Our pride makes us insensitive to God
  - 3. Our pride makes us disobedient to God
- B. How God deals with pride

Proverbs 16:18 KJV Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

### III. Humility causes servanthood

1 Peter 5:6 KJV Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God that he may exalt you in due time:

- A. We relinquished our rights at the Cross
- B. We have only the right to be a servant
- C. It is God's right to exalt us