



Sermon
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“Tus Ua Haum Vajtswv”

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Thov txoj koobhmoov, txoj kev hlub thiab txoj kev haumxeemb pub rau nej sawvdaws los ntawm Vajtswv uas yog peb Leejtxiv uas yog peb tus Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

Lukas 18:14, “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted – *Yexus haistias, kuv qhia rau nej haistias, thaum nkawd rov mus tsev lawm, tus sau se yog tus uas ua haum Vajtswv siab, tsis yog tus Falixais. Rau qhov tus uas khav haistias nws muaj hwjchim, tus ntawd yuav poob hwjchim, tiamsis tus uas txo hwjchim, tus ntawd yuav tau hwjchim.*” Nov yog Vajtswv Txojlus. (Cross-reference – Pajlug 29:23, Yaxayas 66:2, Mathais 23:12, Lukas 14:11; 16:11, 1 Petus 5:6)

Illustration “justified”

(show picture of men face)



Muaj ib tug txivneej uas muaj kev phem kev tsis zoo xav haistias cia nws mus ua tswvcuab rau ib ib pawg ntseeg. Nws yog ibtug uas nyiam tham hluasnkauj, quav dejcawv, thiab tsis tau mus hawm Vajtswv ib zaug hauv nws lub neej li. Yog li ntawd, nws mus xyuas pawgntseeg thiab mus sawv tim samthiaj hais rau cov tswvcuab hauv pawgntseeg haistias “Kuv tsis tau muaj kev txhaum hauv kuv lub neej li thiab kuv yeej lojhlob hauv tsevneeg ntseeg Vajtswv.” Thaum nws hais li no tag lawm, pawgntseeg ntawd txais nws tamsim ntawd los ua tswvcuab.

Tomqab hawm Vajtswv tag, nws mus txog tsev thiab qhia nws tus pojniam haistias nws mus hais li cas rau pawgntseeg thiab pawgntseeg txais nws los ua lawv ibtug tswvcuab lawm. Thaum nws tus pojniam hnov li no, nws tus pojniam npaustaws thiab chimheev rau nws thiab hais kom nws yuavtsum cia li rov mus lees nws tej lus dag. Yog nws tsis ua li ntawd ces nws yog ib tus tibneeg limhiam, dag thiab yog ibtug tibneeg siab phem.

Lub limtiam tomqab, txog hnub hawm Vajtswv, tus txivneej no rov mus ntawm pawgntseeg thiab rov mus sawv tim samthiaj thiab lees tagrho nws tej kev txhaum tias nws tau dag lawv vim nws yog ibtus tibneeg tsis ncajncees, yog tus tibneeg quav dejcawv, deev lwmtus pojniam thiab nws thov txim rau tej uas nws tau dag pawgntseeg lawm.

(Show clipart of scratching head)



Thaum nws hais tag li ntawd, pawgntseeg muab nws lub npe ua tswvcuab rho tawm tamsim ntawd thiab. Tomqab hawm Vajtswv tag, tus txivneej thiaj li tawm hauv lub tuamtsev los thiab khawb nws taubhaus thiab hais tujtoog rau nws tus kheej haistias: “These church folks are really strange. I told a lie and they took me in; and when I told the truth they kicked me out! – *Cov tibneeg no txawv kawg li. Kuv dag lawv, ces lawv txais yuav kuv, tiamsis thaum kuv qhia lawv qhov tseeb ces lawv ho muab kuv ncaw tawm.*”

I. Nej sim ua tibzoo xav saib, tus txivneej no puas yog tus ua haum Vajtswv? (*Cia lawv teb*). Pawgntseeg nes, lawv puas yog ua haum Vajtswv uas yog muab nws rho tawm tswvcuab? (*Cia lawv teb*). Nyob rau peb Txojmoozoo hnubno, Yexus qhia zajlus pivtxwv txog obtug txivneej zoo sisthoj li zaj uas hais tag los no thiab. (Show Pharisee and tax collector)



Ibtug yog Falixais khav haistias nws ua haum Vajtswv vim nws xav haistias nws yog tus ncajnnees. Ibtug yog tus neeg sau se totaub haistias nws yog tibneeg txhaum, nws ua haum Vajtswv dejsiab. Cov kwvtij hlub thiab movtshua, koj puas tau haistias koj yog tus tibneeg zoo tshaj cov tibneeg uas tsis mus church? Koj puas tau haistias koj zoo tshaj cov tibneeg uas raug kaw tom tsev lojcu? Koj puas tau haistias, koj zoo tshaj tus tibneeg uas nrauj txiv losyog nrauj pojniam? Koj puas tau saib lwmtus haistias koj zoo tshaj lawv vim koj yog tus zoo duas lawv? Vajtswv Txojlus hais rau koj thiab rau kuv haistias peb yeej yuav ua tsis haum Vajtswv li, yog peb tseem xav haistia peb zoo duas lwmtus. (Show Pharisee praising himself)

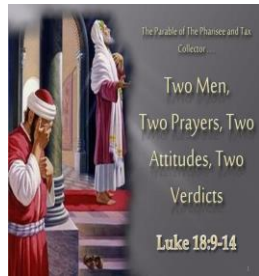


Saib tus Falixais haistias, “The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get’ – ‘Vajtswv, kuv uas koj tsaug, kuv zoo tsis thooj li lwmtus, kuv tsis ua neeg siab hlib, kuv yog neeg ncajnnees, kuv tsis zes luag tej pojniam thiab kuv tsis zoo li tus uas sau se ntawd. Xya hnub twg kuv ua kevcai yoo moo ob zaug, thiab tej nyiaj uas kuv khwv tau los, kuv muab ib feem kaum rau koj.’ (Lukas 18:11-12).

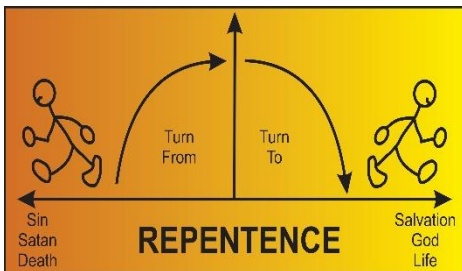
Thaum koj nyeem cov lus no, tej zaum koj yuav npaj los mus cem tus tau hais cov lus ntawd vim nws khavtheeb heev. (Show Pharisee praying for people)



Tiamsis yog koj nyob rau tiam ntawd, cov Falixais yog cov uas paub kevcai duas cov pejxeem. Nws koj raws nraim li haiv tibneeg Yudais tej kevcai. Nws sawv ntawm tej ntug kev thov Vajtswv rau tibneeg thiab nws mus sawv hauvplawv lub tuamtsev qhia kom tibneeg pom thiab paub haistias nws yog tus tibneeg ncajnnees. Vajluskub Qub qhia kom haiv tibneeg Yudais ntawd tsua ua kevcai yoo ib xyoo ib zaug xwb uas yog yoo rau “The Day of Atonement – Hnub tau kev zamtxim.” Tiamsis tus Falixais no yoo 104 zaug tuaj ib xyoo. (52 weeks per year - 2X52=104) (Show Pharisee praise himself)



Tsis tag li ntawd, nws hais ntxiv haistias nws tseem muab ib feem kaum txhua yam uas nws muaj pub rau Vajtswv thiab. Nco ntsoov haistias yog koj muaj tshaj pub rau Vajtswv, Vajtswv yeej zoo siab txais tus uas txaussiab hlo muab Vajtswv tug rov rau Vajtswv. Tiamsis qhov teebmeem yog li no, tus Falixais ntawd xav haistias nws ua haum Vajtswv los ntawm tes dejnum zoo uas nws tau ua lawm. Nws yog tus ntseeg thiab txaussiab rau txojkev ntseeg ntawd. Niajnub nimno peb tibneeg los tseem niajnub xav ibyam li tus Falixais ntawd xav thiab vim nyias khav nyias haistias, nyias ua tau nyias dejnum zoo rau Vajtswv. (Show repentance)



Yog koj cia siab haistias koj muaj npe ua tswvcuab rau ib pawg ntseeg, koj tuaj hawm Vajtswv, thiab koj yog ibtug tibneeg dawbhuv ncajnnees tsis tau ua phem ces koj yeej tseem yog tus tsis tau ua haum Vajtswv. Koj rov dag koj tus kheej yog koj xav li no xwb. Yog li ntawd, koj yuav ua li cas koj thiaj li yog tus ua haum Vajtswv? Txojkev uas yuav ua tau tus ua haum Vajtswv ces tsuas yog koj paub lees thiab tso koj txojkev txhaum thiab cia li tig thiab cia siab rau Tswv Yexus Khetos txojkev ncajnnees rau txojkev tau xojjsia.

II. Kuv hnob ibzaj qhia txog ib tus ntxhais kawmntawv grade 5, muaj ib hnub nws los tom tsev kawmntawv los, thiab qhia nws niam haistias, nws cov menyuam kawm ntawv tau pov npav rau nws ua the "prettiest girl in the class – tus zoo nkauj tshaj hauv nws chav tsev kawm ntawv." (Show picture young girl)



Hnub tomqab, nws rov zoo siab heev, vim lub class rov pov npav dua haistias nws yog "the most likely to succeed – *tus uas yuav nce qib siab.*" Hnub thib peb nws rov los tsev thiab qhia nws niam dua haistias, Cov tub kawm ntawv rov pov npav haistias nws yog "the most popular – *tus uas nrov npe tshajplaws.*" Tiamsis hnub tomqab ntawd, tus ntxhais no rov los txog tsev, nws npautaws thiab chim heev. Tus ntxhais no leejniam thiaj li nug haistias, "Yog tim li cas, puas yog koj swb zaum no lawm?" Tus ntxhais no teb haistias, "Oh no, I won the vote again – *Tsi yog li ntawd, kuv rov yeej dua lawm thiab.*" Ces leejniam rov nug dua haistias, "What were you voted this time – Lawv xaiv koj ua dabtsi ziang no?" Nws teb haistias, "most stuck up – *tus uas nplaum tshajplaws.*" (Show Romans 3:23)



(Show of men arrest)

C. S. Lewis tau sau haistias, "A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and of course, as long as you are looking down, you can't see something that's above you – *Tus txineej uas pheej saib tsis taus tej yam thiab tibneeg, yog nws pheej saib sabhauv xwb, nws tsis pom sab saud.*" Tus Falixais haistias, "God, I thank you that I am not like other men... - *Vajtswv, kuv ua koj tsaug kuv tsis tsis zoo li lwmtus...*" (Lukas 18:11). Tiamsis qhovtseeb tiag nws los yeej zoo li lwmtus vim Vajtswv Txojlus haistias, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, - *txhuatus puavleej muaj kev txhaum thiab tu ncuva Vajtswv lub koobmeej lawm.*" (Loos 3:23).



Muaj ibtug txivneej raug coj mus txiavtxim rau txojkev ua tubsab. Thaum nws mus sawv ntawm tus "judge – *tswv haisplaub,*" tus judge nug nws haistias, "Sir, you can let me trial your case, or you can choose to have a jury of your peers – *Yawg, koj cia kuv txiavtxim rau koj qhov kev txhaum no losyogs cia cov raug xaiv ntawm koj cov phoojywg.*" Tus txivneej xav mentsis thiab nug tus judge haistias, "Your honor, what are peers – *Yawg hlob, cov phoojywg yog leejtwg.*" Tus judge hais rau nws haistias "Well, they are people just like you – *Nws yog cov tibneeg zoo ibyam li koj.*" Yog li ntawd tus txivneej raug plaub no thiaj li teb haistias, "Forget it, I don't

want no thieves trying me! – *Kav liam, kuv tsis xav kom cov niag tibneeg tubsab yuav ua cov uas txiavtxim rau kuv.*" (Show tax collector)



Zajlus pivtxwv uas Yexus qhia peb yuav pom haistias, tus tibneeg sau se no txawv dua li tus Falixais. Tus tibneeg sau se yog tus uas haiv tibneeg ntxub tshajplaws. Lawv yog cov sau se ua haujlwm rau nomtswv Loos. Lawv khuj tibneeg nyiaj uas yog sau ntau dua li txojcai. Thaum lawv sau tau lawm, lawv muab ib cov khaws cia rau lawv tus kheej ces mam muab ib cov coj mus rau nomtswv Loos. Lawv cov no yog muab hais ces lawv yog cov "traitor – *ntxeevsiab*" rau haivneeg Yudais vim lawv dagntxias noj haus ntawm txhua leej txhuatus. Tiamsis thaum peb saib zajlus pivtxwv no, Yexus qhia haistias tus tibneeg Falixais xav haistias, nws yog tus ua haum

Vajtswv, tiamsis thaum kawg nws yog tus tsis ncaincees. Tus sau se, nws ua haum Vajtswv vim nws paub haistias nws yog ibtus tibneeg txhaum tsis ntxim tau Vajtswv txojkev hlub li. Nws thiaj li haistias, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner - *'Vajtswv, kuv yog neeg txhaum, thov koj hlub kuv!'*" (Vs. 13). Jesus said, "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted - *Yexus haistias, kuv qhia rau nej haistias, thaum nkawd rov mus tsev lawm, tus sau se yog tus uas ua haum Vajtswv siab, tsis yog tus Falixais. Rau qhov tus uas khav haistias nws muaj hwjchim, tus ntawd yuav poob hwjchim, tiamsis tus uas txo hwjchim, tus ntawd yuav tau hwjchim.*" (Luke 18:14) (Show Road to heaven or hell)

III.



Txojkev uas mus tau rau ntuj ceebtsheej ces nws yuavtsum txo hwjchim, ntseeg, thiab cia siab rau Tswv Yexus Khetos ua nws tus Cawmseej. Koj yuav mus txojkev twg? Mus ntuj ceebtsheej losyog mus ntujtawg teb? Thaum nej nyeem zajlus pivtxwv no nej yuav pom haistias sab nraud tus Falixais yuav nyob ze Vajtswv dua tiamsis sab hauv tus tibneeg sau se yog tus nyob ze Vajtswv tshaj. Vajntxwv Daviv sau haistias, “The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit - *Tus Tswv nyob ze cov neeg uas tas kev cias thiaab nws cawm cov neeg uas tsis muaj kev vamkhom.*” (Nkauj Qhuas Vajtswv 34:18)

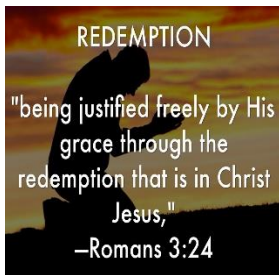
Peb nyob rau lub ntiajteb uas peb pom tibneeg zoo li tus Falixais. Cov kwvtij hlub thiab movtshua, vim los ntawm txojkev txhaum, peb yeej tsis muaj peevxwm uas yog tus ua haum Vajtswv li. Tiamsis vim Vajtswv hlub peb kawg nkaus Nws thiaj li tso Nws tibleeg Tub Yexus Khetos los tuag saum tus ntoo khaublig theej koj thiab kuv kom peb yog tus ua haum Vajtswv. Peb yuav tsis tau peb txojkev mus ntuj ceebtsheej tiamsis Vajtswv pub dawbpaug rau peb los ntawm Nws tus Tub. (Show Chinese men playing flute)



Ntev ntau lub xyoo dhau los lawm, muaj ib tus txivneej suav dag nws tus kheej mus ua ibtus tshuab raj nyob rau hauv vajntxwv pab tub pajnruag. Thaum sawvdaws los ntau pajnruag uake, tus txivneej no lam muab lub raj los twb ntawm nws qhovncauj thiab ua txoj tshuv haistias nws yog tus paub tshuv raj. Ntev ntau lub xyoo, vajntxwv them nyiaj rau nws thiab nws kuj tau zoo neej ua. Muaj ib hnuv, vajntxwv hais kom txhuatug tub pajnruag los ua yeebyam rau yam uas nws txawj ua ntawd rau vajntxwv saib. Yog li ntawd, tus tshuabraj no ntshai heev vim nws tsis muaj sijhawm yuav kawm tshuabraj lawm. Tsis ntev txog nws thib ces nws ua txuj haistias nws mob

lawm. Tiamsis tus kwv khomob saib vajntxwv tsevneeg tsis ntseeg haistias nws yuav mob tiag. Yog li ntawd nws yuavtsum tau mus tshuabraj rau vajntxwv mloog. Tiamsis txog lub sijhawm uas nws mus, nws muab tshuaj los noj tua nws tus kheej tuag. Peb thiaj li muaj ib lolus haistias, “He refused to face the music – *nws tsis kam mus ntsib tej suab nkauj.*”

Yam uas peb yuav mus ntsib tau Vajtswv ces peb yuavtsum ntseeg thiab cia siab rau Yexus Khetos. Peb yuav hu peb tej suab nkauj qabzib qhuas Vajtswv ho tsis yog yuav mus hu suab nroos quaj qws tom hniav qaws ntsa mob rau ntujtawg teb. (Show justified – Romans 3:24)



Tus Thwjtj Paulus sau haistias, peb “...are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus – *ua haum Vajtswv yog nws txoj koobhmoov cawmdim los ntawm Yexus Khetos.* (Romans 3:24). Txojmoozoo hnuvno sau haistias, “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted – *Yexus haistias, kuv qhia rau nej haistias, thaum nkawd rov mus tsev lawm, tus sau se yog tus uas ua haum Vajtswv siab, tsis yog tus Falixais. Rau qhov tus uas khav haistias nws muaj hwjchim, tus ntawd yuav poob hwjchim, tiamsis tus uas txo*

(Show Pharisee and Tax collector)



hwjchim, tus ntawd yuav tau hwjchim.” (Luke 18:14). Thaum koj paub haistias tsis muaj ib yam dabtsis uas koj ua tau hauv koj lub neej yog tsis muaj Yexus Khetos ces koj yuavtsum muab koj txojkev cia siab rau koj tus Tswv Cawmseej Yexus Khetos ib leeg. Thaum no koj thiaj li yog tus ua haum Vajtswv. Asmees.

Thov kom Vajtswv Txojlus pub rau neb thiab rau peb sawvdaws totaub thiab tau nyob kajsiab lug rau ntawm peb tus Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos lub npe. Asmees.