

Opening prayer: O Lord our God, forgive us, for we have a praisee. We have ~~prided~~ failed to understand that our religion may be our ruin. The very strictness of life has resulted in perdition, as we have prided ourselves on our religiosity and morality, blinding us to the fact that we are sinners as we stand or bow before the throne of God. Forgive us. Remind us that there is absolutely nothing in ourselves to glory about. Let us pursue and accept divine ~~judgment~~ righteousness by and through faith, through Jesus Christ the pleader.

Pastor prayer: O God, let us hear your words of wisdom once more: "Every one that exalted himself shall be abased; and he that humbled himself shall be exalted." We, too, ask for the praise of humility. As Jesus placed much emphasis on this virtue and demanded it of his followers, allowing us to do the same. Grant us the <sup>to wisdom</sup> understand that without ~~without~~ humility we are counterfeit or below the standard Jesus set for us. Speak God remind us of the virtues. "He that humbled himself shall be exalted." We know that you abominate haughtiness while you ask for humility and reward it with exaltation. Allow, through your ~~salvation~~ wisdom, to learn that the only way up is down.