

Luke 20:35-36
Counted Worthy

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1➔ Why do you think "Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings" is one of the most-loved lines in America? What does it say about what we assume God is grading?

2➔ The Sadducees turned a question about resurrection into a question about who belongs to whom (Luke 20:27–33). Where do followers of Jesus today still sort people by track record, background, or the right connections, and who pays for it?

3➔ Read Psalm 15 slowly. Which line on that list do you believe, deep down, you've mostly cleared? What would it cost you to admit you haven't?

4➔ "Considered worthy" is passive. God does the considering, not us (Luke 20:35). If your opinion of yourself isn't the deciding vote, whose opinion has been the deciding vote in your spiritual life, and how long has it held that seat?

5➔ The elders' praise of the centurion was true, and he still withdrew his application (Luke 7:4–7). When people praise your faithfulness, does it feed the audition or interrupt it? How would you actually know the difference?

6➔ The prodigal rehearsed "make me like one of your hired servants" the whole way home (Luke 15:19). What's the actual wording of the speech you run before God, and when did you first start running it?

7➔ The message suggested that the people still auditioning are often not the ones who left, but the ones who never did. Where in your prayer, Bible reading, serving, or coming to the table are you performing for approval? Who in this group might have seen it before you did?

8➔ The thief brought nothing and asked only to be remembered (Luke 23:42). Why might that prayer be harder for someone who has followed Jesus for thirty years than for someone at the end of their rope?

9➔ John 1:12 says the right to become children of God is given to those who receive. What makes receiving harder for you than earning, and what would practicing receiving look like on an ordinary day this week?

10➔ **EXTRA CREDIT:** When Jessica got the tickets, all she said was "Wow! Thank you so much." If you came to God this week with nothing but that response, what would you have to put down first?