

Today's Message

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The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Scripture

[Luke 18:9–14](#)



9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: **10** “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. **12** I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

13 “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

14 “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”



What is Pharisee?

Pharisee, meaning "set apart, separated", the Levant during the time of **Second Temple Judaism** (515 BCE – 70 CE).

Pharisees were the upper class, received the full support and goodwill of the common people, represented the authority of their ancestor, officiated as **High Priest**.



What is Tax Collector?



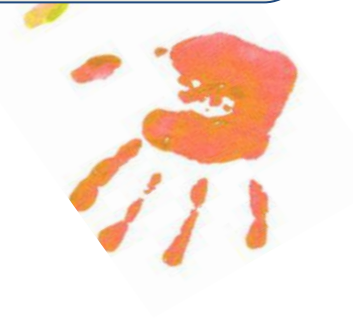
A **tax collector** in Gospel, refers to a Jew who collects unpaid taxes from Jewish people for Roman government.



Tax collectors are usually very poor, have to choose the job to afford family. They are discriminated and disrespected among Jewish society.



9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, (Luke 18:9)



self-righteousness



looking down on everyone else



9 Jesus told this parable: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, (Luke 18:9-10)



well educated



high status quo



view
Name
Origin
History
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Low status quo



poor educated



dishonorable



poor



shameful



disrespected



respected



powerful



rich



noble



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Pharisee

Tax-collector

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(Luke 18:11)

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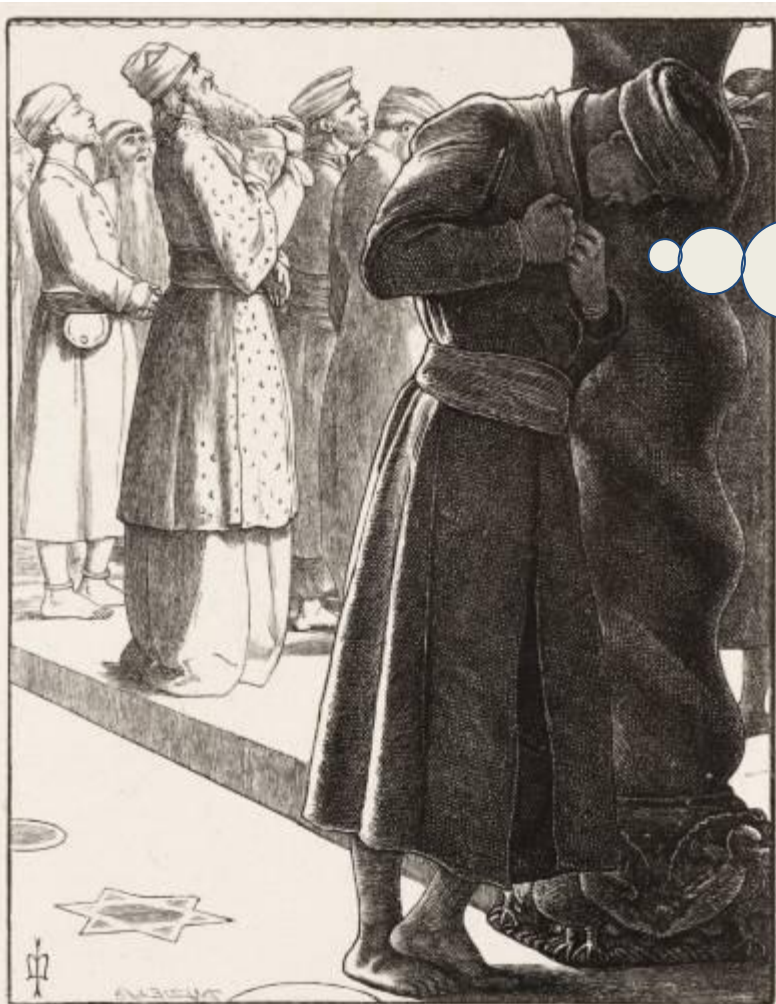
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of all I get*

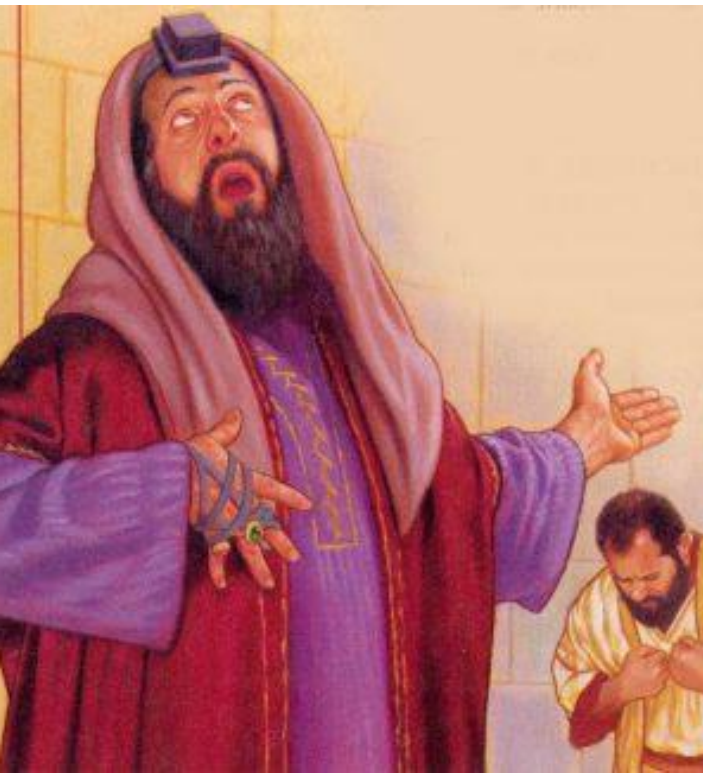


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All are
justified
freely by
his grace
through
the redemption
that came by
Christ Jesus

Romans 3:24



What does the parable mean?

The Pharisee represent the haughty, self-righteous people.

The tax-collector represent the humble and meek people with poor in spirit.



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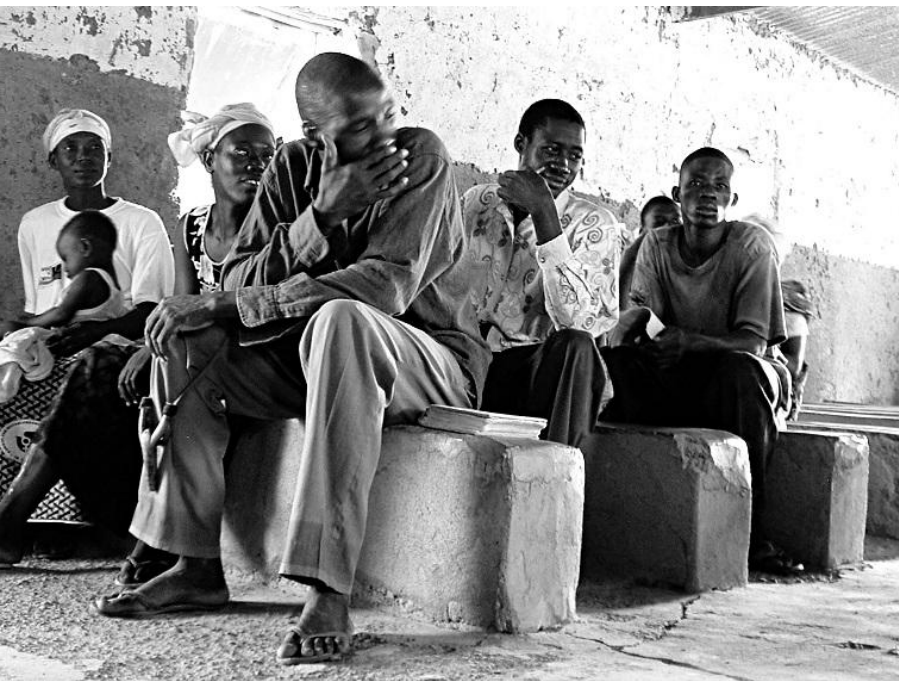
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Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs
is the kingdom of heaven.

(Mat5:3 NIV)



Blessed are those who mourn, for they
will be comforted.

(Mat5:4 NIV)



weep with those who weep



Jesus wept.

JOHN 11:35



Psalm 51:16-17

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. (Psm51:16 NIV)

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Psm51:17 NIV)



Phl 3:13 NIV

Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, (Phl3:13 NIV)

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Phl3:14 NIV)



Let us Pray for Being Humble Always

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for choosing us as the children of God.
We love you and we want to follow you.

We know we are sinners and we are always
persuaded by the world, full of greedy, arrogant and
pride, self-confidence and self-righteousness. We
ask you to forgive our sin to clean our heart to be the
children what you loved.

The Kingdom, Power and Glories are yours.
Pray in name of Jesus, Amen

End





