

Luke 18:9-14 Readers' Theatre

CAST: Narrator/Jesus, Pharisee, Tax Collector

VERSION 1

- Narrator [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:
- [Jesus] Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.
- Pharisee The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'
- Tax Collector But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'
- N/J I tell you, this man {indicating Tax Collector} went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

VERSION 2

- Narrator [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:
- [Jesus] Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus:
- Pharisee {*broadly, proudly*} God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.
- N/J But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying:
- Tax Collector {*humbly, beating breast, looking down*} God, be merciful to me, a sinner!
- N/J I tell you, this man {*indicating Tax Collector*} went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.