

# The Pharisee and the Publican

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Jesus contrasted two prayers—the Pharisee's self-righteous recitation and the tax collector's humble plea for mercy. The latter went home justified, teaching that God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

## Key Verses

### **Luke 18:10-14**

Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other.

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