

# A Parable of a Publican and Pharisee

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Bible text: [Luke 18:9-14](#)

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*And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:*

*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: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*

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### I. THE PLACE

### II. THE PEOPLE

#### A. THE PHARISEE

1. HE WAS PROMINENT
2. HE WAS PROUD

#### B. THE PUBLICAN

### III. THE PRAYER

#### A. THE PHARISEE'S PRAYER

##### Two Things This Prayer Reveals

1. A Wrong Perspective

The Pharisee majors on three items of obedience.

1. He comforts himself in what he thinks he is not.
2. He congratulates himself with what he has done.
3. He compares himself to what he thinks of others.

##### Two Things This Prayer Reveals

1. A Wrong Perspective
2. A Wretched Pride

#### B. THE PUBLICAN'S PRAYER

##### Three Ways His Humility Was Seen

1. Where He Stood

2. What He Saw

3. By What He Said

- “He stood afar off.”
- “He would not so much as raise his eyes to Heaven.”
- He said, “God be merciful to me; a sinner.”

#### **IV. THE PARADOX**