

# The Pharisee & Tax Collector



Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

collector	exalted	humbled	Pharisee	sinner
down	heaven	mercy	pray	tax

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked \_\_\_\_\_ on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to \_\_\_\_\_, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The \_\_\_\_\_ stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other menrobbers, evildoers, adulterers or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

"But the \_\_\_\_\_ stood at a distance. He would not even look up to \_\_\_\_\_, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have \_\_\_\_\_ on me, a \_\_\_\_\_!'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be \_\_\_\_\_, and he who humbles himself will be \_\_\_\_\_."

Luke 18:9-14 (NIV)