



## Have Mercy on Me

### Description

He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves and were confident that they were righteous [that they were upright and in right standing with God] and scorned and made nothing of all the rest of men:

**Two men went up into the temple [enclosure] to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee took his stand ostentatiously and began to pray thus before and with himself: God, I thank You that I am not like the rest of men—extortioners (robbers), swindlers [unrighteous in heart and life], adulterers—or even like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I gain. But the tax collector, [merely] standing at a distance, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but kept striking his breast, saying, O God, be favorable (be gracious, be merciful) to me, the especially wicked sinner that I am! I tell you, this man went down to his home justified (forgiven and made upright and in right standing with God), rather than the other man; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Luke 18:9-14, AMP)**

*Lord, please help me to never forget how sinful I am. May I continually compare myself to Christ and look for ways to be more Christlike. Lord, please fill me up with Yourself. I want so much of you that there's nothing left of me. Please burn my sinful nature away that I may serve You more wholeheartedly, worship You more readily, pray with great adoration, seek Your face with more urgency, humble myself before You and display strength under control!*

**“...God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” (Luke 18:13)**

*Lord, help me to never compare myself with anyone but You Jesus. Please have mercy on me for my sinful behavior. I pray that I will be more Christlike with every passing day, if not every hour!*

*Lord, I humble myself before You. May I never lift myself up but may I only live to lift You up. Please convict me quickly when I have a judgmental or critical spirit. May I live to glorify You. May my life be honoring to You and reflect a heart changed by Your Word!*

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