



A PARABLE ABOUT SELF

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MORNING READING

Jeremiah 9:23–24

Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts, boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.”

Luke 18:9-17 (NIV)

9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: (KJV) 9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.

12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

13 “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

14 “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” 15 People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom

of God belongs to such as these.

17 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

LUKE 18:9

Now He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt:

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Romans 7:18 New International Version

18 For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature.[a] For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

LUKE 18:13 “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’”

LUKE 18:14

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Psalm 51 King James Version

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

**2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**3 For I acknowledge my transgressions:
and my sin is ever before me.**

Ezekiel 36:26 New International Version

**I will give you a new heart and put a new
spirit in you; I will remove from you your
heart of stone and give you a heart of
flesh.**

Colossians 2:14 NIV

having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

Matthew 9:11 World English Bible

When the Pharisees saw it, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

Isaiah 64:6 King James Version

6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech[a] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your [b]reasonable

service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

LUKE 18:14B - For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Psalms 103:14 For He knows our frame; He is mindful that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are like grass— he blooms

like a flower of the field; 16when the wind passes over, it vanishes, and its place remembers it no more....

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