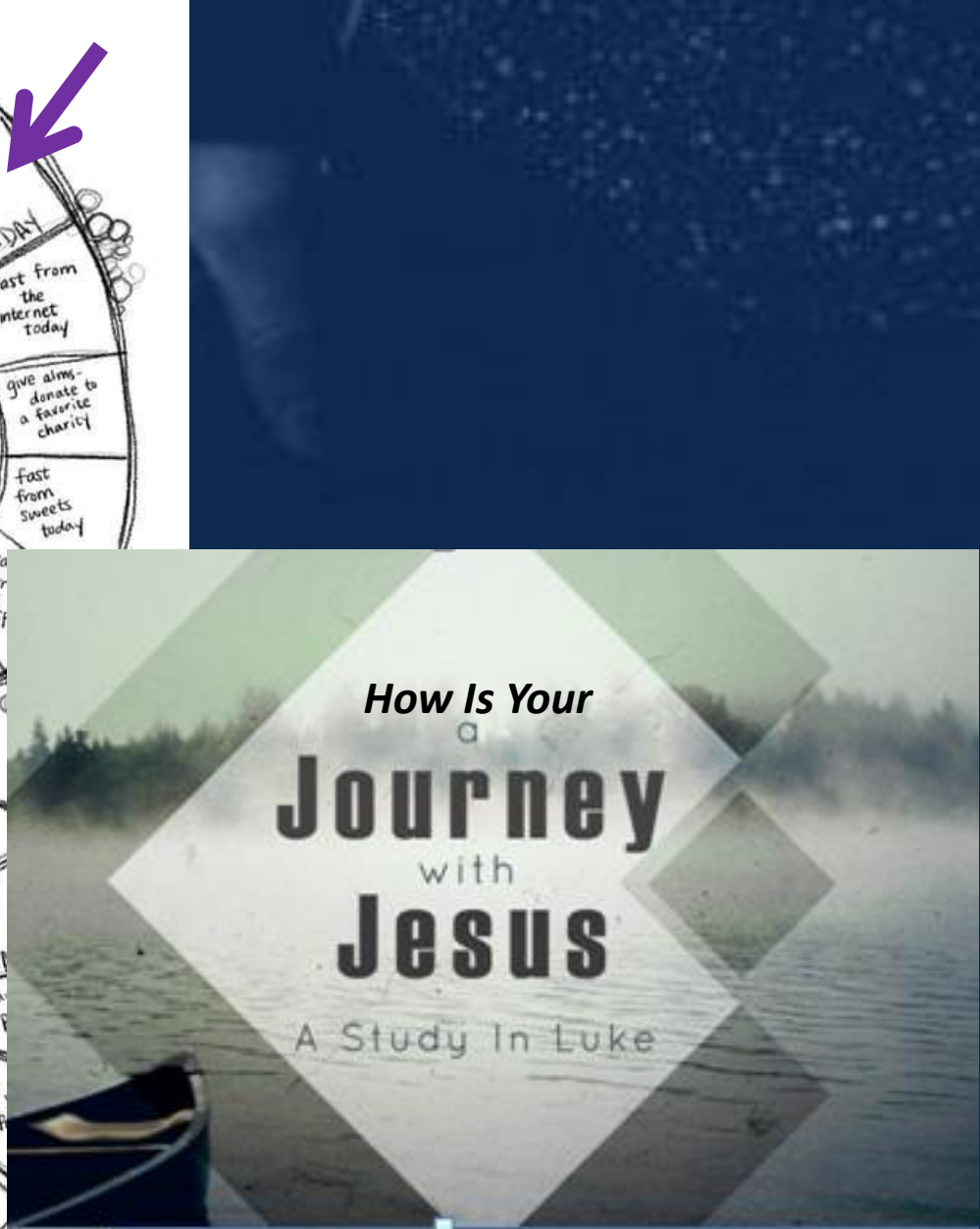
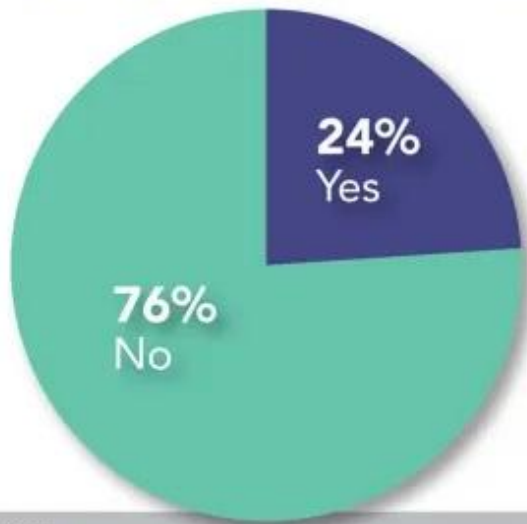


A LENTEN JOURNEY FOR YOUR FRIDGE!



Among Americans

Do you typically observe Lent?



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Among Americans who observe Lent

How do you typically observe Lent?

Fast from a favorite food or beverage



Attend church services



Pray more



Give to others



Fast from a bad habit



Fast from a favorite activity



None of these



Note: Respondents could select all that apply.

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Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.



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SELF DENIAL



WHEN WE
LAY DOWN OUR
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WE MAKE ROOM
FOR GOD TO
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1. *The Cost of Following Jesus - Ash Wednesday - Feb. 14*
2. *Love Your Neighbor as Yourself - Feb. 18*
3. *Be Rich toward God - Feb. 25*

4. *Take the Least Important Place - Mar. 3*
5. *The Prodigal Son at Home - Mar. 10*
6. *True Righteousness - Mar. 17*
7. *How is the House of Prayer? - Palm Sunday*

8. *Betrayal, Desertion, & Denial at the Passover
Maundy Thursday & Friday*

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JESUS' JOURNEYS TO JERUSALEM



Luke 16-18

- 16:1-13, *The Rich Shrewd Manager*
- 16:19-31, *The Rich Man and Lazarus*
- 17:1-10, *Forgiveness & Faith*
- 17:11-19, *Ten Men with Leprosy*
- 17:20-37, *Kingdom of God is within you*
- 18:1-8, *Prayer of a Persistent Widow*
- 18:9-14, *Two Prayers*
- 18:15-17, *“Let the Children come to me.”*
- 18:18-30, *“How to inherit eternal life”*
- 18:31-34, *“Son of Man will be killed”*
- 18:35-43, *Healing of a Blind Man*

Luke 18:9-14

The Dangerous Act of Piety



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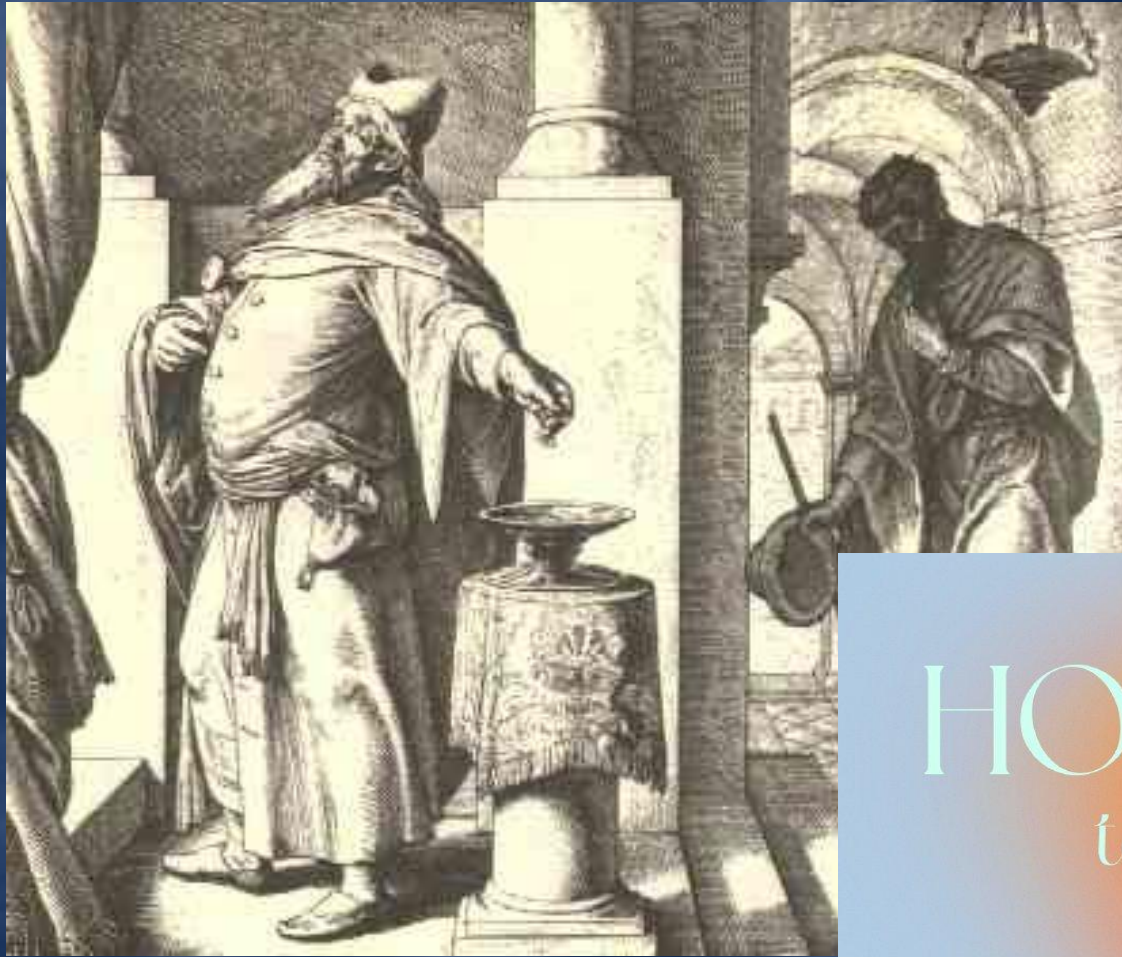
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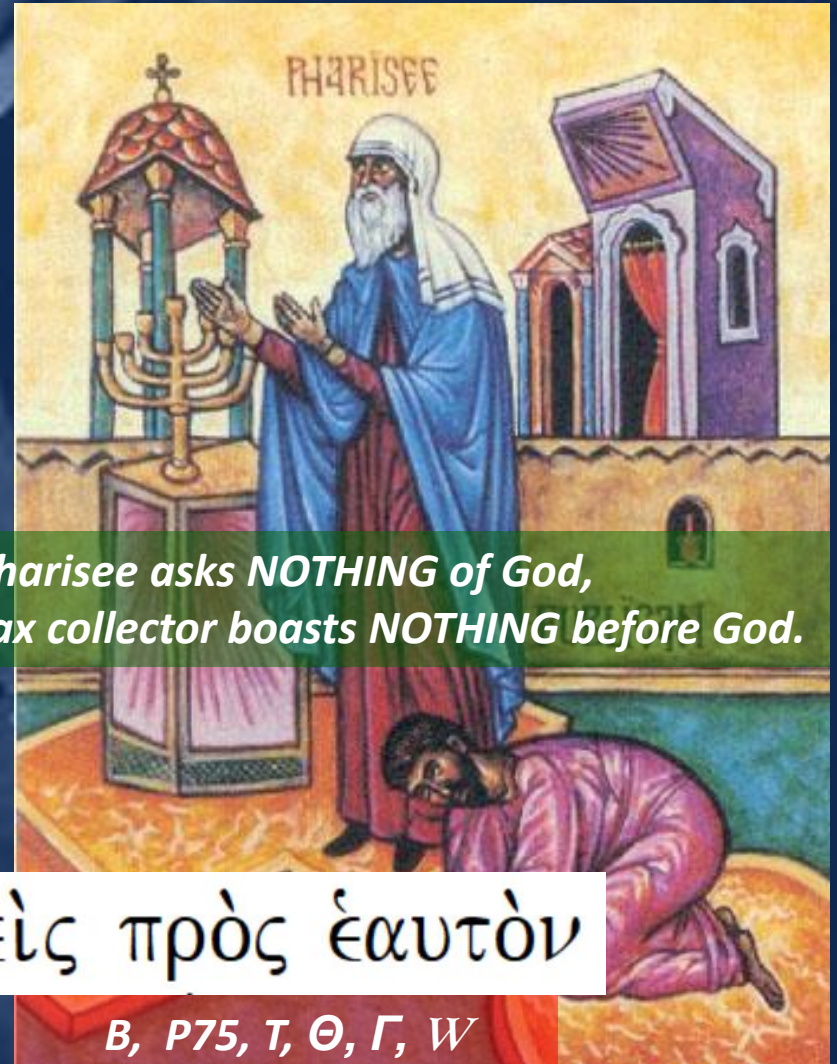
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Don't You Pray about/to Yourself?



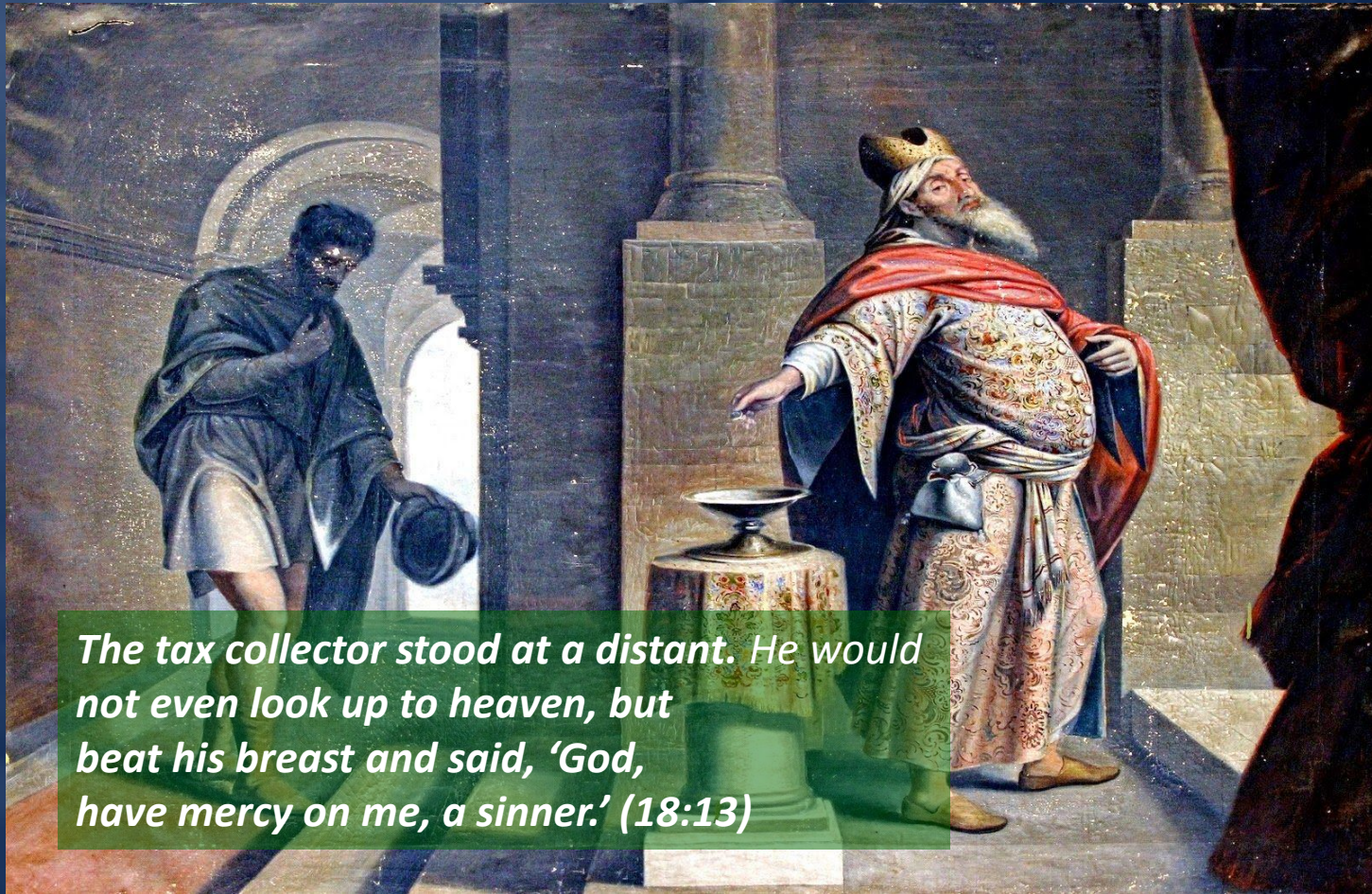
*The Pharisee asks NOTHING of God,
The tax collector boasts NOTHING before God.*

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Luke 18:9-14

The Tax Collector Confessed before God.



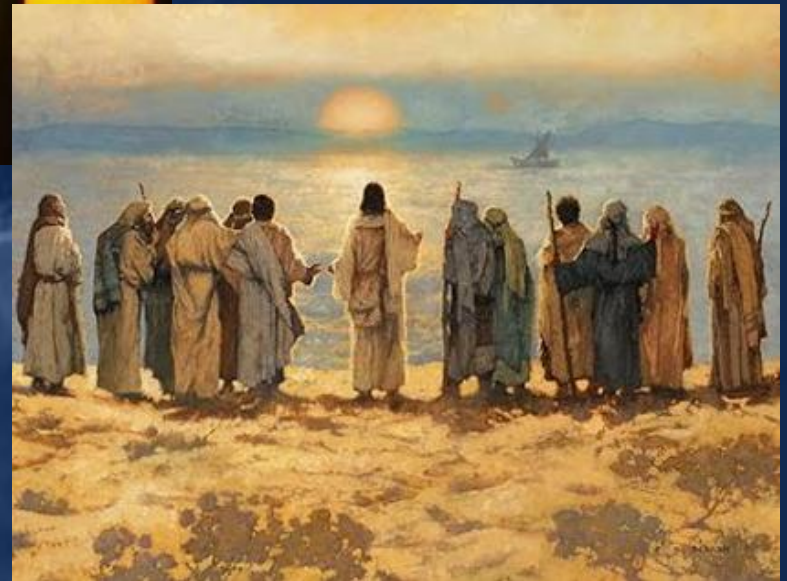
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Luke 18:9-14

True Righteousness with the Sinner Justified before God

EVERYONE WHO EXALTS
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BUT THE ONE WHO HUMBLLES
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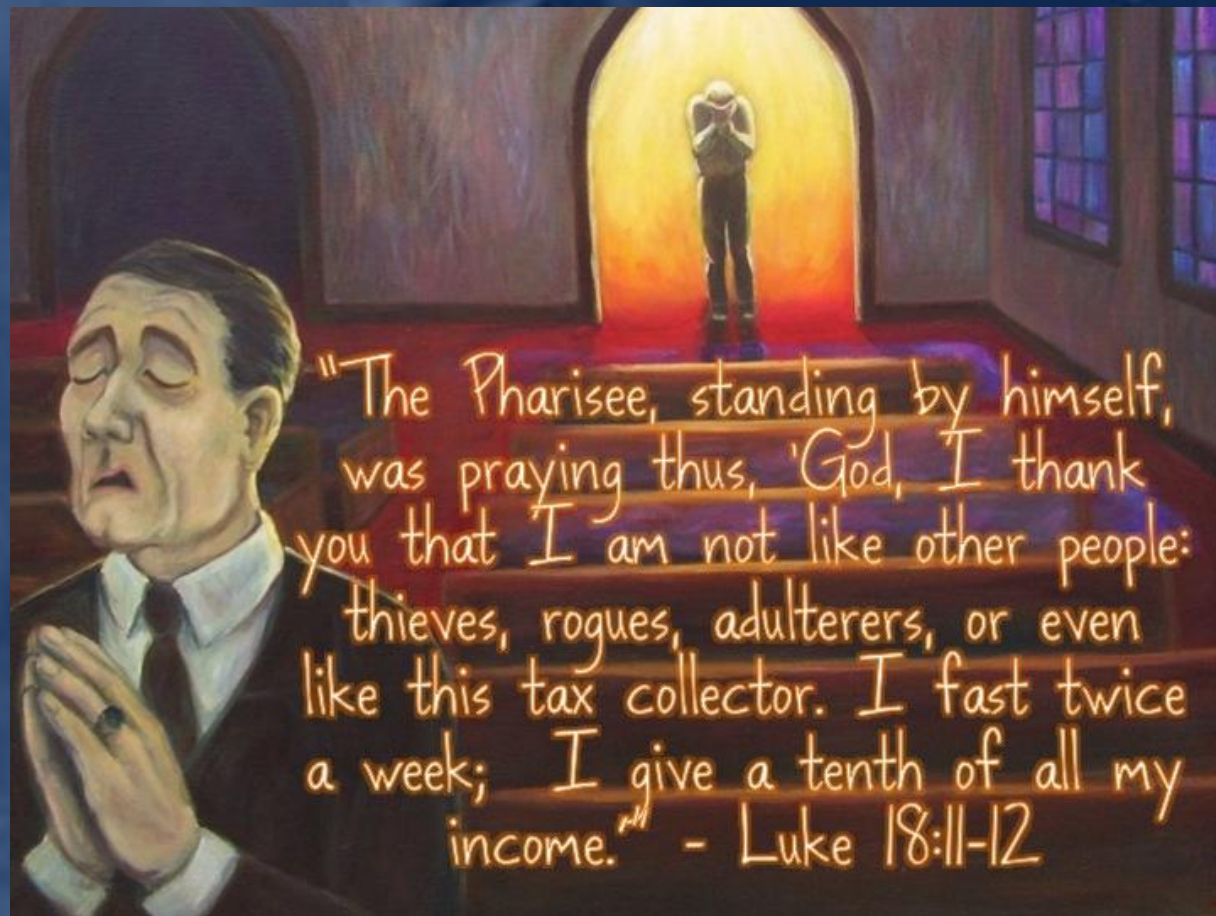


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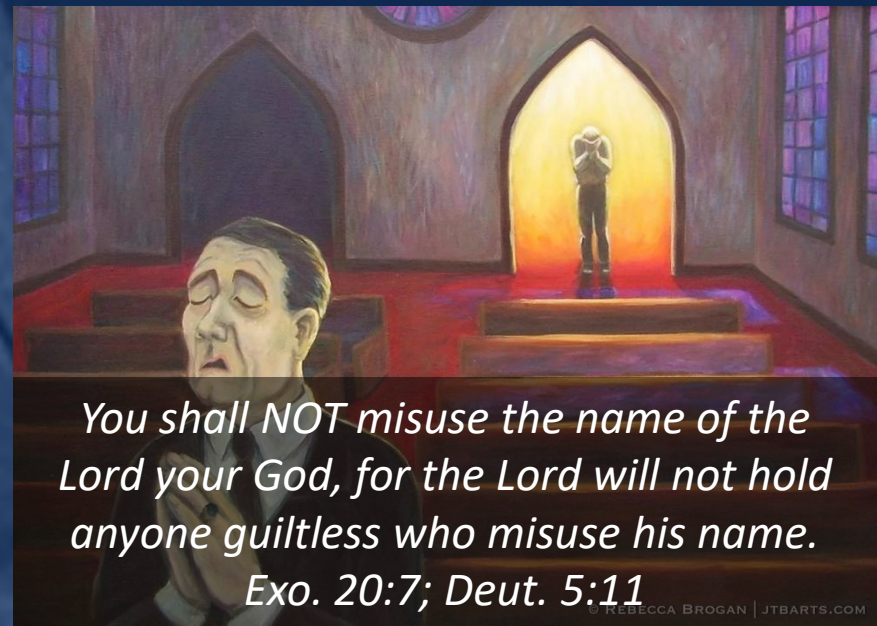
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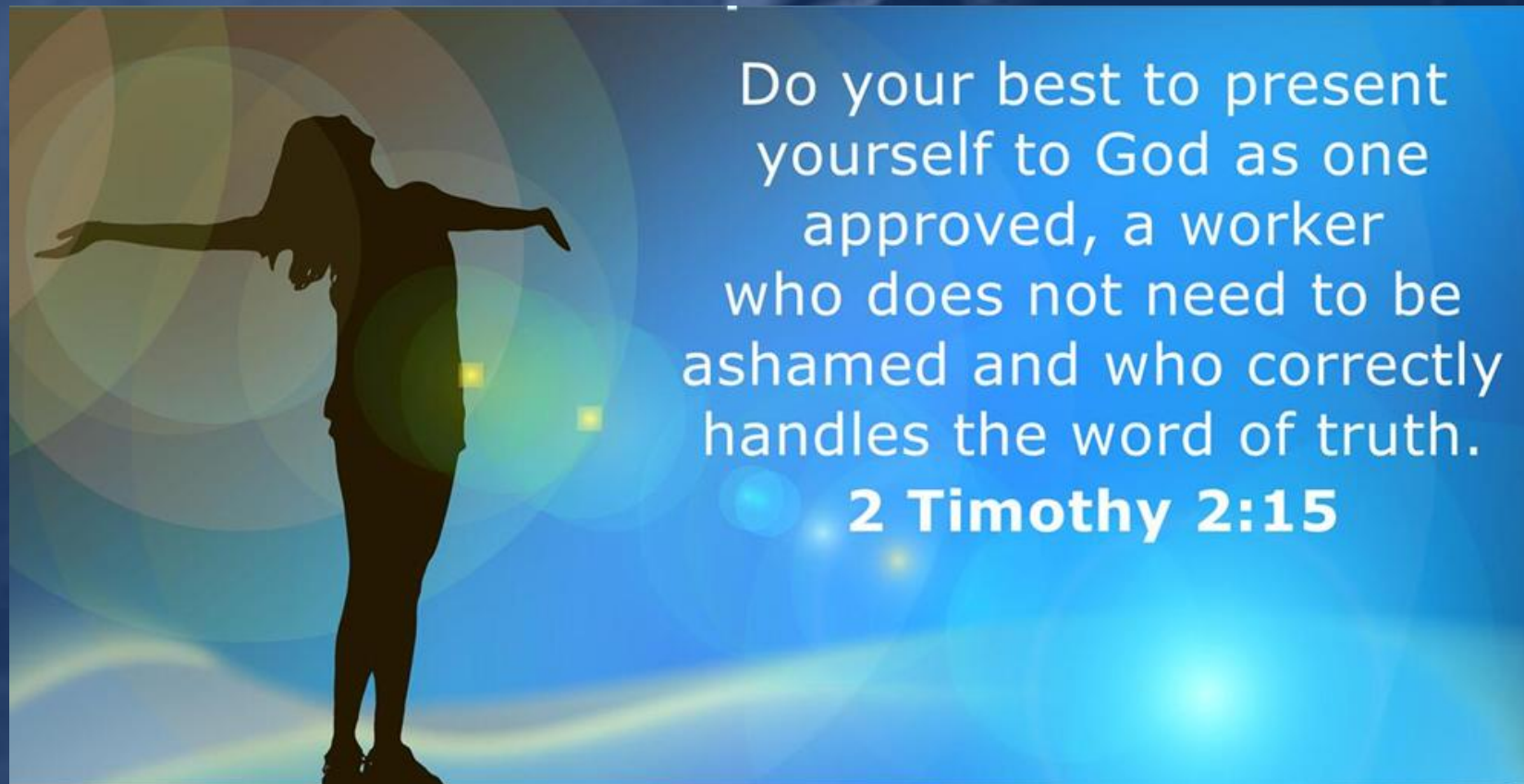
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Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

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A Sinner's Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins, and that You rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and ask You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior.
In Your name, Amen.

**DAILY
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**What is the
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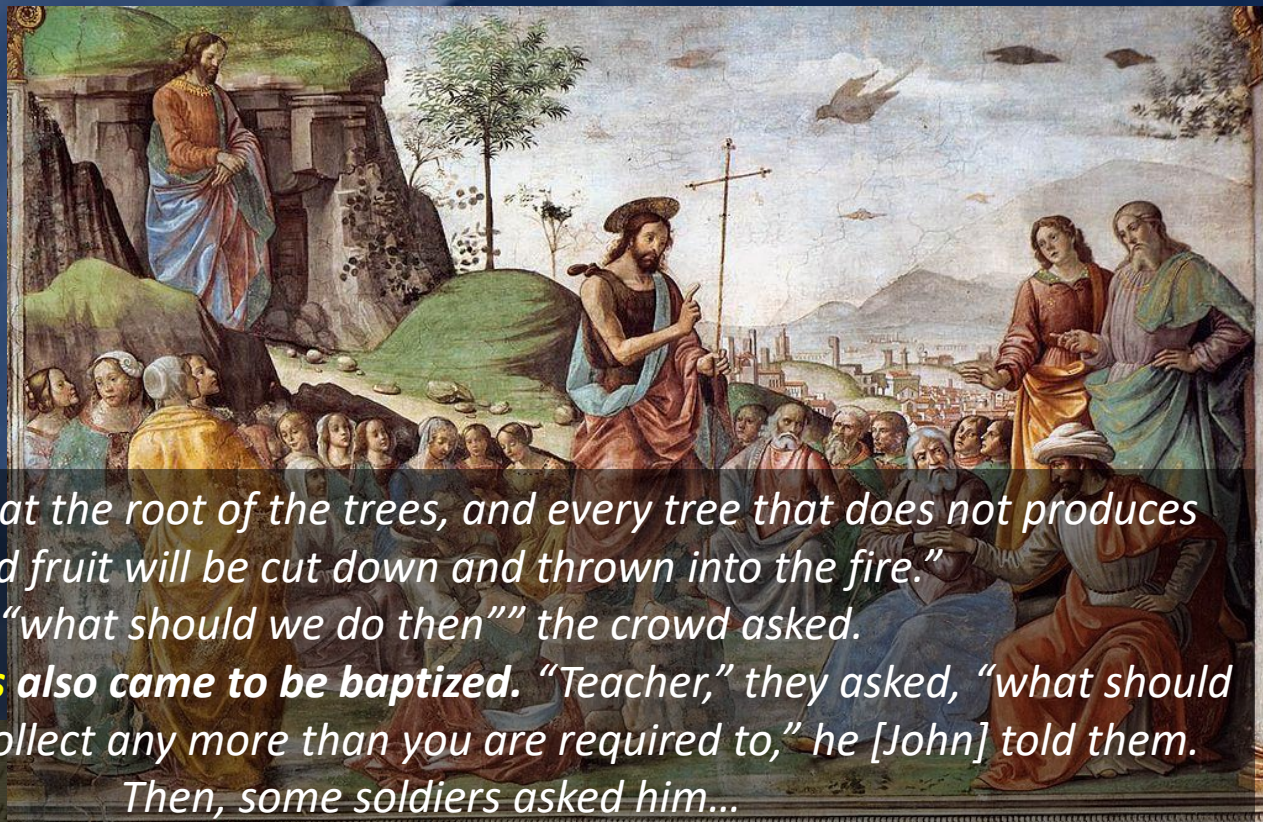
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The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produces good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

“what should we do then?” the crowd asked.

3:12, **Tax collectors** also came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?” “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he [John] told them.

Then, some soldiers asked him...

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5:27, After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of **Levi** sitting at his tax booth. “Follow me,” Jesus said to him, and Levi got up left everything and followed him.

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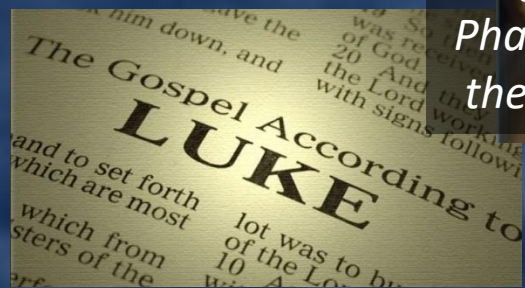
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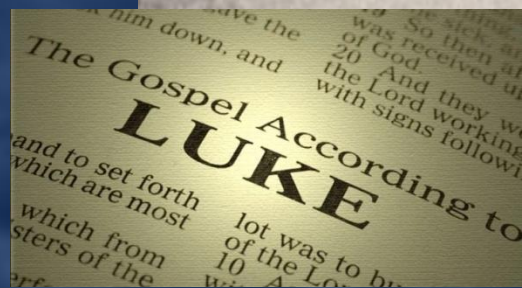
7:29-30 (All the people, even **tax collectors**, when they heard Jesus' words, acknowledged that God's way was right because they have been baptized by John. But the Pharisees and experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.)



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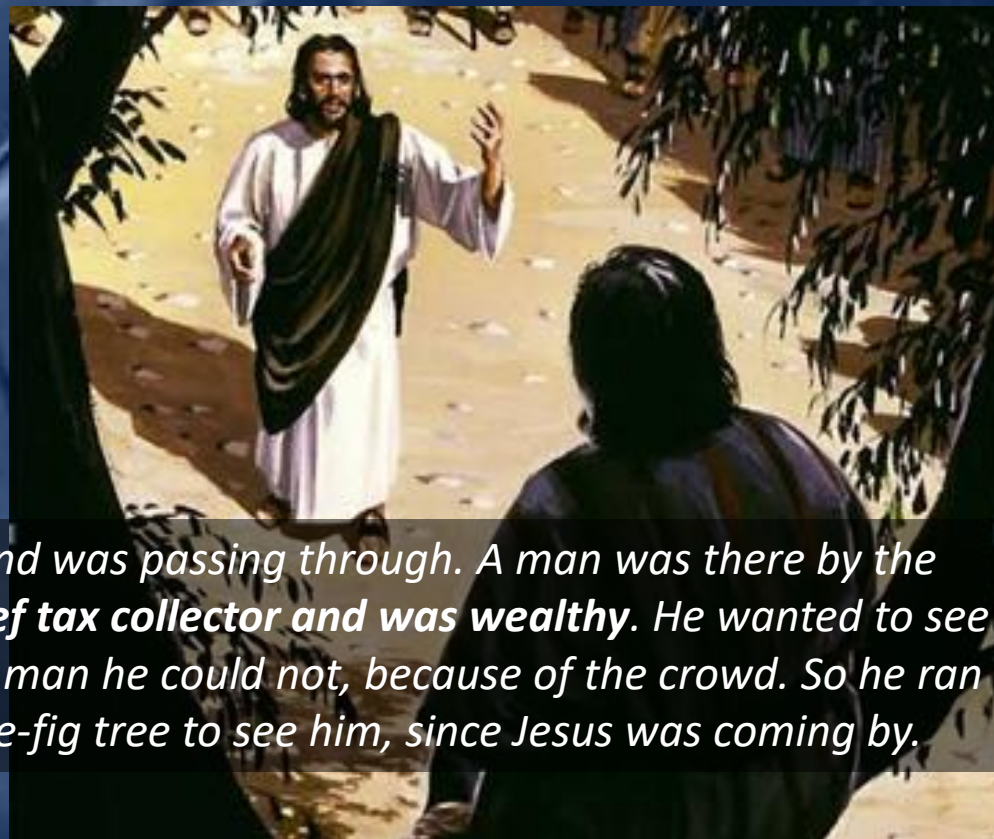
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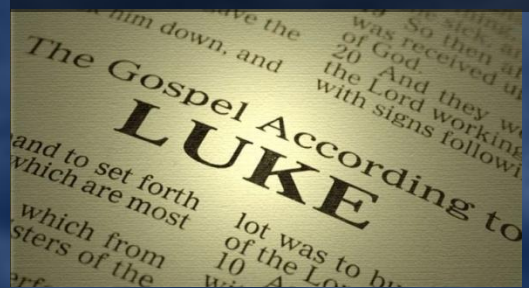
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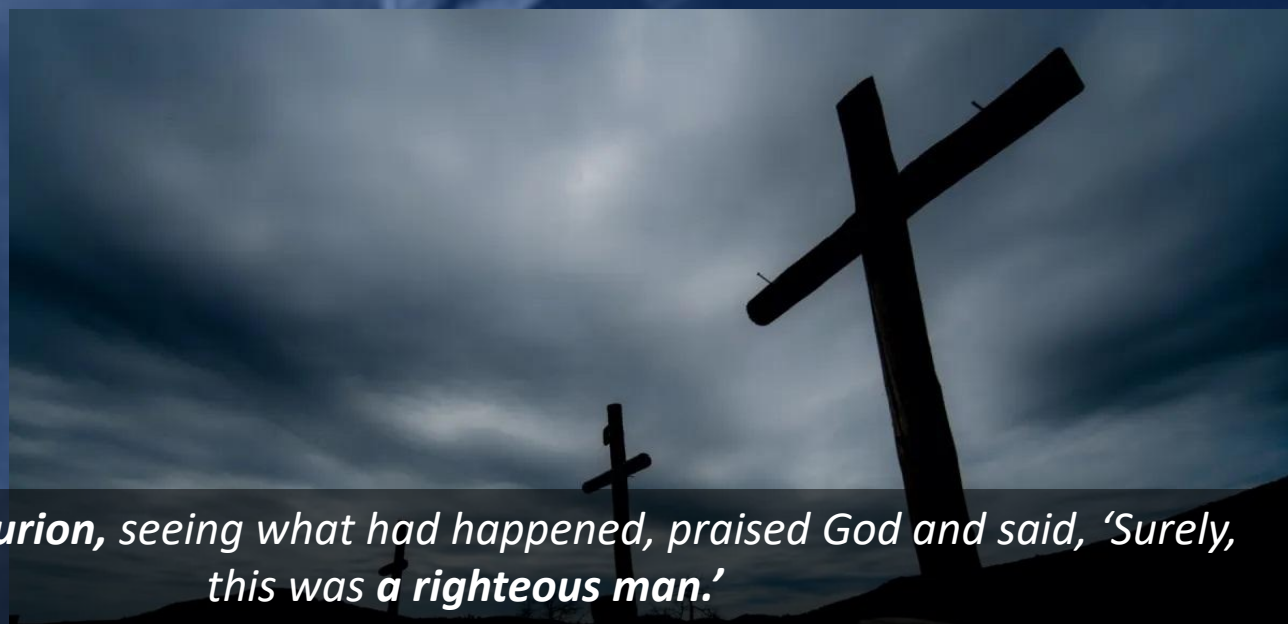
19:1-4, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was **a chief tax collector and was wealthy**. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming by.



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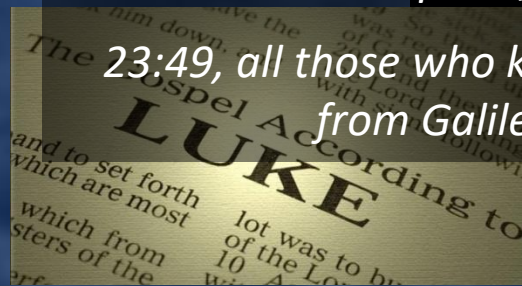
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23:47, the Centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, ‘Surely, this was a righteous man.’

23:48, When **all the people**, who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they **beat their breasts** and went away.

23:49, all those who knew him [Jesus], including **the women** who followed him from Galilee, **stood at a distance**, watching these things.



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Humble yourselves before the
Lord, and he will lift you up.
James 4:10

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