

# Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican Quiz

10 King James Version trivia questions • Difficulty: Easy

Ten KJV questions on the Pharisee and the Publican — self-righteousness vs. humble repentance.

## Questions

**Q1.** To whom did Jesus speak this parable?

- A. His disciples only
- B. Certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous
- C. The multitude
- D. The chief priests

**Q2.** Where did the two men go?

- A. A synagogue
- B. Up into the temple to pray
- C. Upon a mountain
- D. Into a house

**Q3.** Who were they?

- A. Two priests
- B. A Pharisee and a publican
- C. Two scribes
- D. A scribe and a Sadducee

**Q4.** How did the Pharisee pray?

- A. With himself
- B. Aloud before the people
- C. On his knees
- D. With incense

**Q5.** What did the Pharisee thank God for?

- A. His mercy
- B. That he was not as other men are
- C. Daily bread
- D. His salvation

**Q6.** How often did the Pharisee fast?

- A. Once a month
- B. Twice a week
- C. Daily
- D. On feast days only

**Q7.** What did the publican do as he stood afar off?

- A. Lifted his hands
- B. Smote upon his breast
- C. Tore his garments
- D. Held a sacrifice

**Q8.** What did the publican pray?

- A. Forgive me my debts
- B. God be merciful to me a sinner
- C. Lord remember me
- D. Have mercy, Son of David

**Q9.** Which man went down justified?

- A. The Pharisee
- B. Both
- C. The publican
- D. Neither

**Q10.** What principle closes the parable?

- A. The first shall be last
- B. Every one that exalteth himself shall be abased
- C. Faith without works is dead
- D. Without holiness none shall see the Lord

## Answer Key & Explanations

**Q1.** To whom did Jesus speak this parable?

**Answer:** B. Certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous

Unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others. (Luke 18:9, KJV)

**Q2.** Where did the two men go?

**Answer:** B. Up into the temple to pray

Two men went up into the temple to pray. (Luke 18:10, KJV)

**Q3.** Who were they?

**Answer:** B. A Pharisee and a publican

The one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. (Luke 18:10, KJV)

**Q4.** How did the Pharisee pray?

**Answer:** A. With himself

The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself. (Luke 18:11, KJV)

**Q5.** What did the Pharisee thank God for?

**Answer:** B. That he was not as other men are

God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are. (Luke 18:11, KJV)

**Q6.** How often did the Pharisee fast?

**Answer:** B. Twice a week

I fast twice in the week. (Luke 18:12, KJV)

**Q7.** What did the publican do as he stood afar off?

**Answer:** B. Smote upon his breast

Smote upon his breast. (Luke 18:13, KJV)

**Q8.** What did the publican pray?

**Answer:** B. God be merciful to me a sinner

God be merciful to me a sinner. (Luke 18:13, KJV)

**Q9.** Which man went down justified?

**Answer:** C. The publican

This man went down to his house justified rather than the other. (Luke 18:14, KJV)

**Q10.** What principle closes the parable?

**Answer:** B. Every one that exalteth himself shall be abased

Every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. (Luke 18:14, KJV)

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