

# Short Stories - Epic Truths

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# Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector

Luke 18: 9-14

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- Justification: How can I be sure I have attained it?



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Morally Defeated: “He would not even look up  
to heaven,...”

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Eternally Humble: but beat his breast and said,  
'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

