

<p><b>Emmanuel Café</b> launching this Wednesday 6th Feb The Café will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays &amp; Thursdays from 8.30am–1.30pm.</p>	<p><b>At The Special Church Members Meeting</b> last Tues 29th Jan Hazel Evans was elected as an Elder. Keith Whittaker, Richard Benton, David and Deirdre Miller, Martin &amp; Susannah Snell were all received into membership</p>	
<p>House Groups are important to the Church Life. Small groups are an ideal way to get to know one another on a deeper level. If you are interested in joining a group see Doreen Fraser or Charles</p>	<p><b>OASIS Groups</b> Fri 8th Feb Pizza Night See Claudia, Duncan or Amy for more info</p>	<p><b>Food for Thought</b> Thurs 7th Feb Guest Speaker is Kate Dinwoodie Starts 2.30pm</p>
<p><b>Food Bank - needs are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Size 4 Nappies</li> <li>◆ Baby food for infants over 6 months (i.e. food with more texture and not pureed),</li> <li>◆ Shaving Foam,</li> <li>◆ Cat Food</li> <li>◆ Long Life Milk,</li> </ul>	<p><b>Turning the Tide Bereavement Café</b> The Huddle Wed 6th Feb from 5:30pm – 7:30pm on the 1st &amp; 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Volunteers are on hand to chat, listen, and signpost to further support. It is a relaxed space where you can read, craft, play board games or just sit. All ages welcome.</p>	

**Sunday 3rd February 2019**

**10.30am Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**

A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to know each other better, so please introduce yourself. If you can, join us for refreshments after the service.

- 11am Children and youth groups leave
- Nippers: Pre-school 2+
- Buzz: Reception, school years 1–5
- Salt: School years 6–11



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*Main Door* Bryan Parr  
*Inner Door* Dot Jones & Michael Miners  
*Easy Worship* Sue Wilson  
*Teas & Coffees* Nigel & Kate Bird

**NEXT WEEK:**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A HOUSEGROUP?**

Email [housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk](mailto:housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk) and one of our Housegroup co-ordinators will put you in touch with a group.

**WOULD YOU LIKE US TO PRAY FOR YOU?**

Please come and ask the service leader and they will find one of our prayer team to pray with you.

## Sermon Outline Notes: Luke 18:9-14 The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

### 1) Introduction

I think that as we read this parable we do not have any emotional response to it. Largely that's because the two characters mentioned in the story do not evoke emotions – but in first century Israel they would have done.

### 2) The Characters

The Pharisee – a man 'who meant business with God'. Religion was their number one priority and who obeyed the Old Testament law to the letter and beyond!

The Tax Collector- A Jew hired by Romans to collect taxes. A hated figure who had 'killed' his patriotism and nationalism.

But both in the same place, the Temple, at the same time, the time of prayer, believing and praying to the same God.

### 3) The Setting

At one of the daily services in the Temple area which took place at dawn and again at 3pm. After a lamb had been sacrificed and the offering of incense, the worshippers then offered their private prayers.

### 4) The two responses:-

The Pharisee tells God and those listening that he is doing OK.

The Tax Collector beats his breast, a sign of deep despair (see Luke 23:48)

5) **The Tax Collector prayer** – literally should read 'Lord make an atonement for me, a sinner'.

6) **Why did God 'accept' the Tax Collectors and not the Pharisee?** I have noted several differences in their prayers:-

- a) One prayer is longer
- b) One prayer is from 'the head' the other from 'the heart'
- c) One is negative – "I am not like". One is positive.

d) One is self-centred; one is God centred.

e) One prayer contains comparisons which is fatal as it leads to pride or envy; in the other there is no comparison.

f) One appeals to God's justice; the other appeals to God's mercy.

g) One assumed he was good enough! ; The other admitted he was not good enough and could never be.

There is a principle that God was operating on and it's a profound principle- God here is not acting arbitrarily, or capriciously, on a whim. The principle is that God takes a man or woman's own estimate of themselves, reverses that estimate accordingly! Verse 14

This principle is written right through both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

### Points to Ponder

- 1) Share first reactions to the Sermon? What points particularly spoke to you?
- 2) How do you think those listening and to those whom Jesus spoke the parable reacted?
- 3) What has this parable changed in you?