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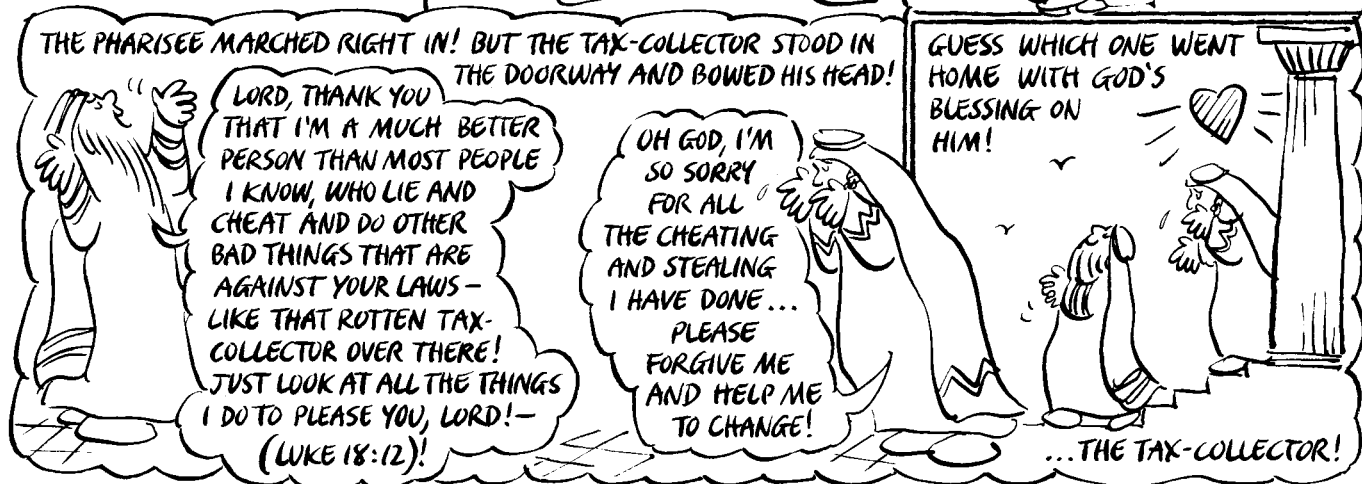
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When Jesus lived in Israel, it was ruled by Romans. The Jewish people of Israel hated the Romans, because they were foreign conquerors. The Romans charged high taxes, and hired Jews to collect them. Sometimes the Jewish tax-collectors cheated, and got very rich.

Jesus told a story about a tax-collector and a Pharisee. The PHARISEES were famous for the way they studied the Bible all the time, and argued about all the rules in it. They thought the only way to serve God was to know and keep all the rules.

THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX-COLLECTOR

Luke 18: 9-14



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Jesus said the tax-collector was closer to God than the Pharisee. He knew he needed God's forgiveness and help, and he asked for those things.

PSALM 65:2
"O God, you hear our prayer, and we come to you for forgiveness"

JOEL 2:27
God says, "I am with you, and I will save you"

ALMIGHTY GOD HAVE MERCY ON YOU, FORGIVE YOU ALL YOUR SINS...

2 TIMOTHY 4:
"The Lord will reward all those who love him and wait for him to come again"