



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

LUKE



“Prayer releases power to affect real  
change in the tangible world.”  
(Staton)



“History belongs to the intercessors,  
who believe the future into being!”

(Wink)



## Luke 18:9 (CSB)

9 Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and looked down on everyone else:



## Luke 18:10-11 (CSB)

10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

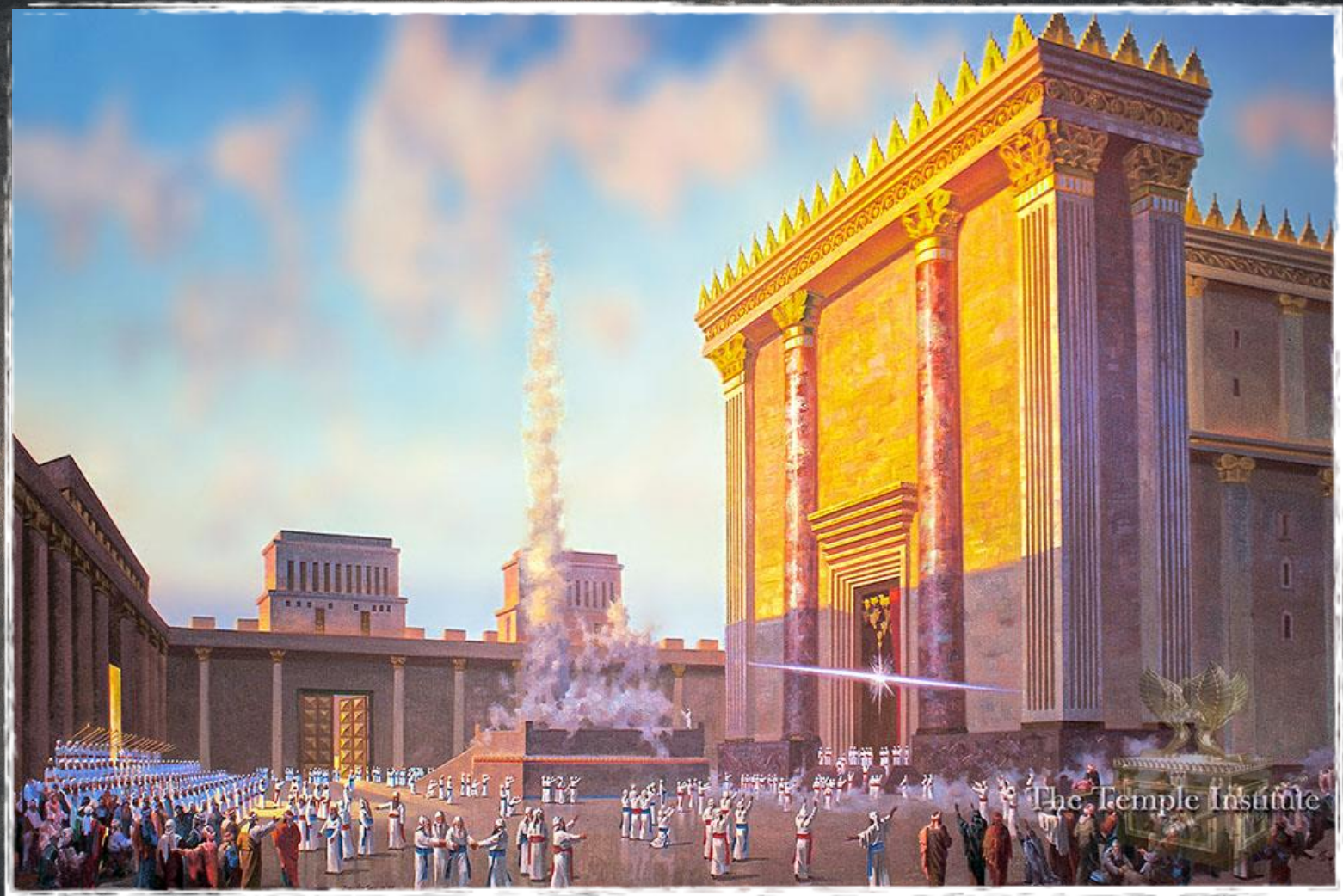
11 The Pharisee was standing and praying like this about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I’m not like other people—greedy, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.’”



## Luke 18:12-13 (CSB)

12 “‘I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of everything I get.’ 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even raise his eyes to heaven but kept striking his chest and saying, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner!’”





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The  
Pharisee



The Tax  
Collector



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SELF-CONGRATULATION and  
COMPARISON.



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The tax collector asks for God to  
PROPITIATE him.

It means to APPEASE WRATH,  
specifically GOD'S wrath against his  
sin.



## Luke 18:14 (CSB)

14 “I tell you, this one went down to his house justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”



*“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29)*

*“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)*



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3. A right relationship with God is a GIFT from God that comes through PROPITIATION.



4. Grace is received with a HUMBLE  
and CONTRITE spirit.