**Pharisee (PH) and Tax Collector (TC) – Notes**

**Luke 18. 9-14**

**KM Bailey pp142-156 (back of book)**

150: PH asks nothing for himself: he is self-advertising

150: by finding fault in others he tears up his own spiritual fabric

152: PH – supererogation – proud of his piety

156.1: exalted in sight of God, not socially.

* righteousness is a gift
* to those aware of their own need
* pride has no place, only humility
* keeping the law can lead to pride
* self-righteousness destroys vision.

**Thielicke, pp126-136**

127:TC a rough rascal; PH doing good things

128:Humility can have its own pride

130: both have come to God; both acknowledge God’s goodness

132: much of the PH’s satisfaction is knowing he is better than the TC. He is looking downwards to a lower standard. *Gossip!*

133/34: TC looked only upwards to God’s standard – no comparisons to justify.

135/6: and did the TC change, whereas the PH was content where he was.

RR: it’s not where we are, but where we’re heading. And it’s looking solely to God.

**GB Caird pp202/203**

Two men went to pray, but only one prayed. The PH recited his virtues, and avoidance of vices. His prayers were “I”. He was content with himself. PH money-lovers (Lk 16)

**Sacra Pagina pp271-274.**

Audience were Pharisees

PH prayed with himself

Peripheral vision to TC

TC stood far off, eyes lowered, beat breast, cries for mercy.

The name "Pharisee" means "separated one." They separated themselves from society to study and teach the law, but they also separated themselves from the common people because they considered them religiously unclean.

Middle class business men and trades workers, the Pharisees started and controlled the synagogues.

Sadducees more upper class, Stuck to written law. Pharisees allowed oral as well as written. Sadd: no resurrection

The name "Sadducee" is closely associated with attempts to determine the origin of this group. Suggestions include linking it with an Old Testament priestly family (Zadok), the Hebrew word for "just" or "righteous" (sdq) or "fiscal officials" (Gk. syndikoi). There are problems with etymologies and all other attempts to identify their origin.