

Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **Jeremiah** chapter **14** verses **7-10**, which can be found on page **930** in the **old testament** of your pew bible...*

⁷Though our sins testify against us, yet act, O Lord, for thy own name's sake. Our disloyalties indeed are many; we have sinned against thee. O hope of Israel, their saviour in time of trouble, must thou be a stranger in the land, a traveller pitching his tent for a night? Must thou be like a man suddenly overcome, like a man powerless to save himself? Thou art in our midst, O Lord, and thou hast named us thine; do not forsake us.

The Lord speaks thus of this people: They love to stray from my ways, they wander where they will. Therefore he has no more pleasure in them; he remembers their guilt now, and punishes their sins.

*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Luke** chapter **18** verses **9-14**, which can be found on page **98** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

⁹And here is another parable that he told. It was aimed at those who were sure of their own goodness and looked down on everyone else. 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-gatherer. The Pharisee stood up and prayed thus: "I thank thee, O God, that I am not like the rest of men, greedy, dishonest, adulterous; or, for that matter, like this tax-gatherer. I fast twice a week; I pay tithers on all that I get." But the other kept his distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven, but beat upon his breast, saying, "O God, have mercy on me, sinner that I am." It was this man, I tell you, and not the other, who went home

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acquitted of his sins. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled; and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

May the Lord God help us to apply this scripture in our lives.