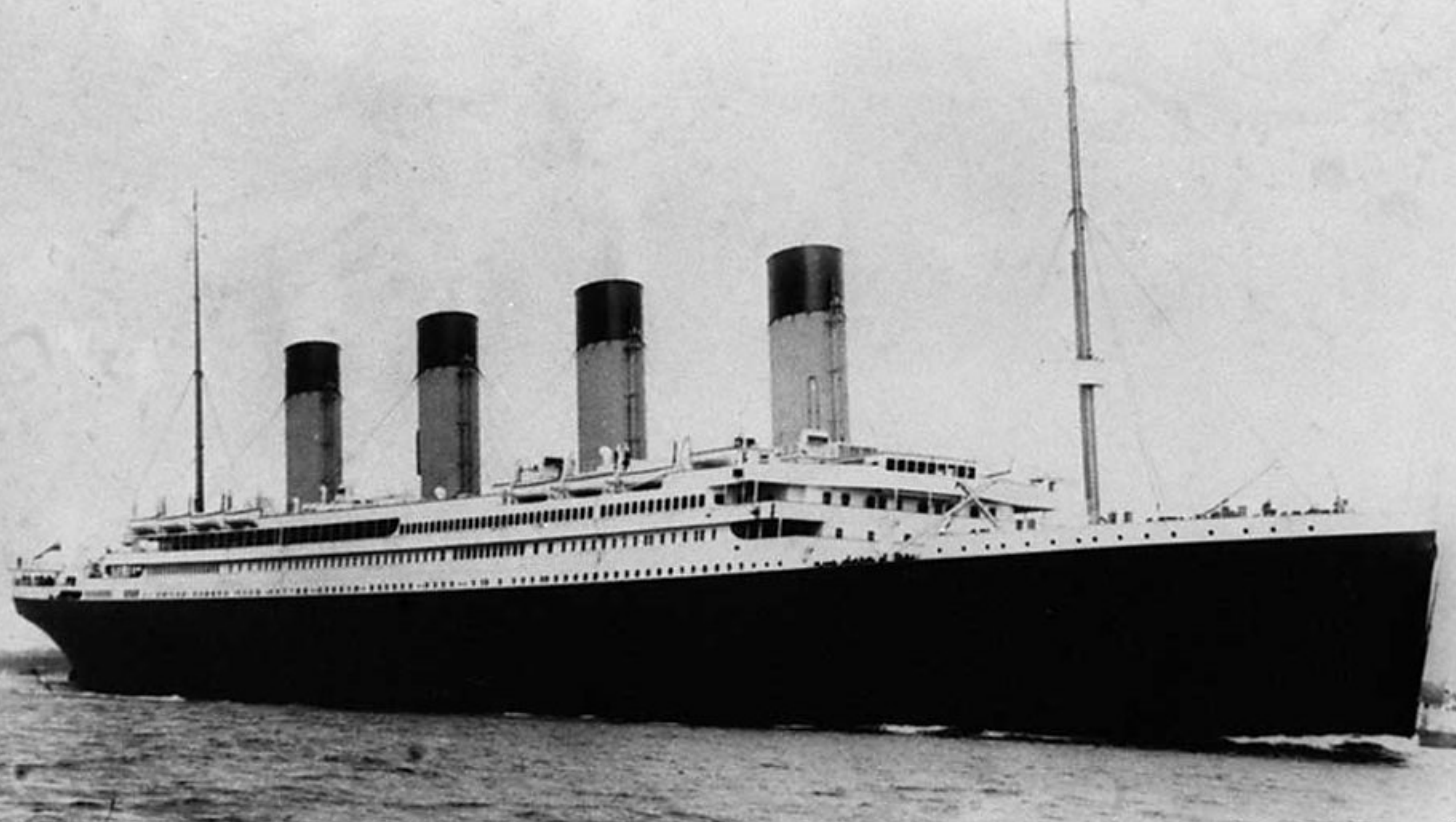




Draw Near





Draw Near
Pray in Humility

A photograph of a person's legs from the knees down, wearing dark blue or black jeans and black sneakers with white soles. The person is standing on a wet, reflective surface, likely a city street at night. The background is blurred, showing lights and possibly other people, creating a bokeh effect. The overall lighting is dim, with highlights from the wet pavement and distant lights.

Luke 18:9-14

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Draw Near

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Draw Near

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

Draw Near

11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

Draw Near

13 "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

Draw Near

14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Draw Near

"If we feel more righteous as we read the Bible, we are misreading it; we are missing its central message. We are reading and using the Bible rightly only when it humbles us, critiques us, and encourages us with God's love and grace despite our flaws."

-Tim Keller

Draw Near

**Jesus rebukes those who trust in themselves;
Jesus receives those who cry out to Him.**

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Jesus rebukes those who trust in themselves.

*“To some who **trusted in themselves** ...
and **treated others with contempt.**” (ESV)*

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INHALE

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EXHALE

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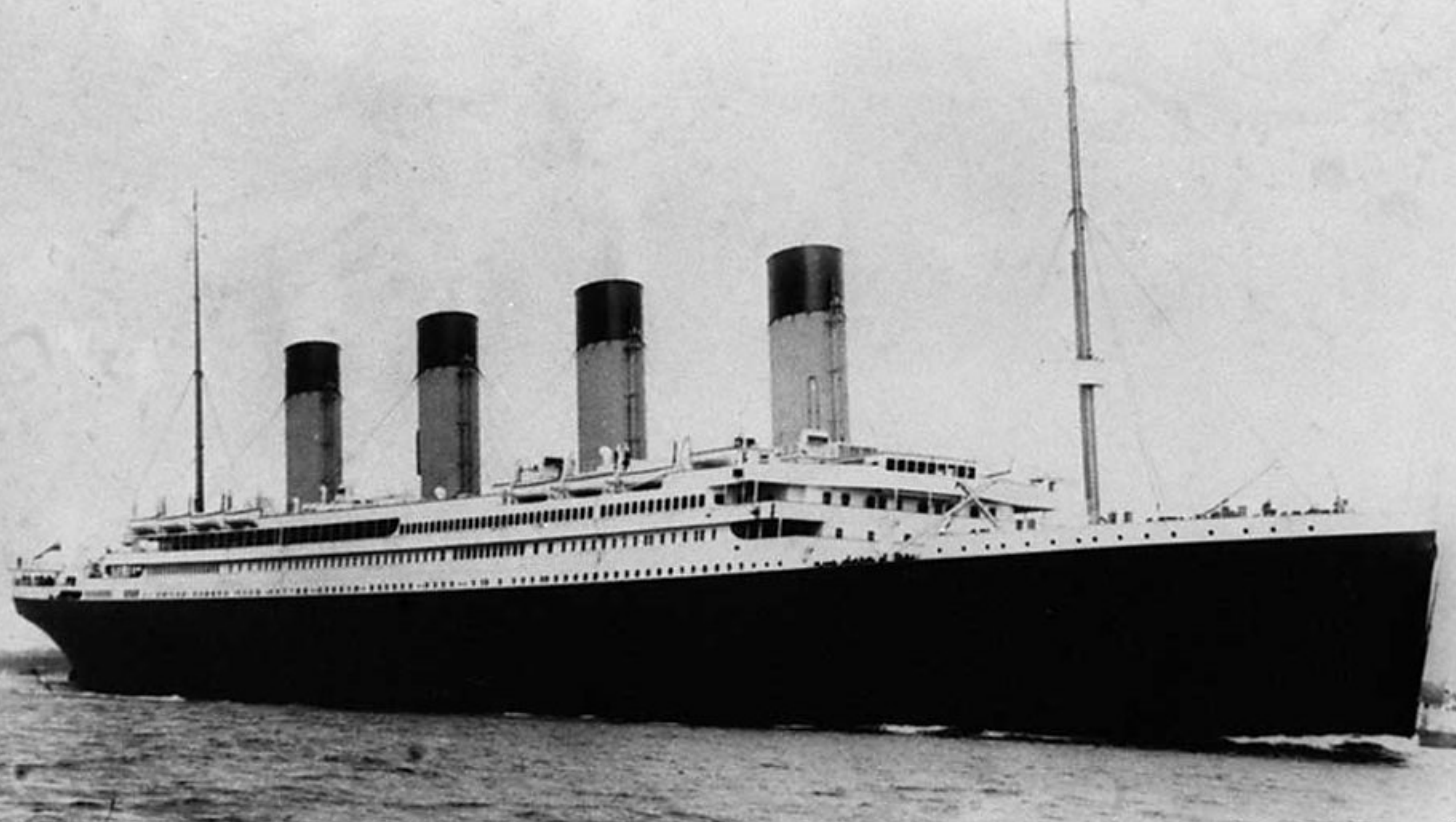
The Pharisee prays as if there is no one better than he; the tax collector prays as if there is no one worse.



**"God, have
mercy on me,
a sinner."**

Psalm 51

1 Have mercy on me, O God
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions







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