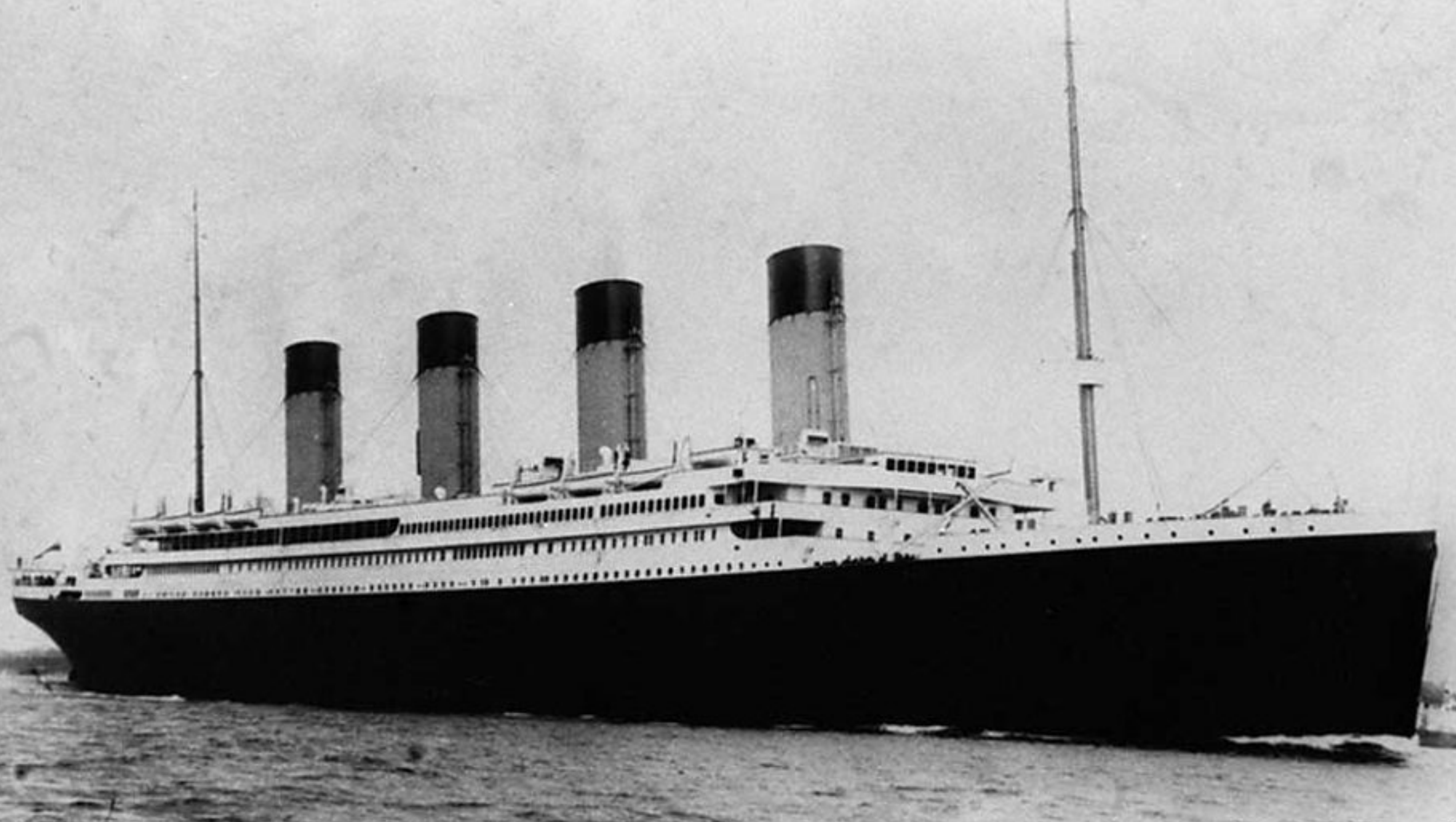


A low-angle, close-up shot of a person's legs from the knees down, standing on a wet, reflective asphalt surface at night. The person is wearing dark blue denim jeans and black sneakers with white soles. The background is heavily blurred, showing out-of-focus city lights and street lamps, creating a bokeh effect. The overall mood is urban and atmospheric.

Draw Near





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*Pray in Humility*

# **Luke 18:9-14**

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# Luke 18:9-14

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# Luke 18:9-14

**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.’**

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**<sup>14</sup> “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.”**

# Luke 18:9

To some who were **confident** of their own righteousness and **looked down** on everyone else, Jesus told this parable:

# Luke 18:9

He also told this parable to some who **trusted** in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with **contempt**:

**Pompous Presumption vs. Desperate  
Dependence**



1. Jesus resists those who place their confidence in themselves. **POMPOUS PRESUMPTION**

2. Jesus receives those who place their confidence in Him. **DESPERATE DEPENDENCE**

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# James 4:6

**God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.**

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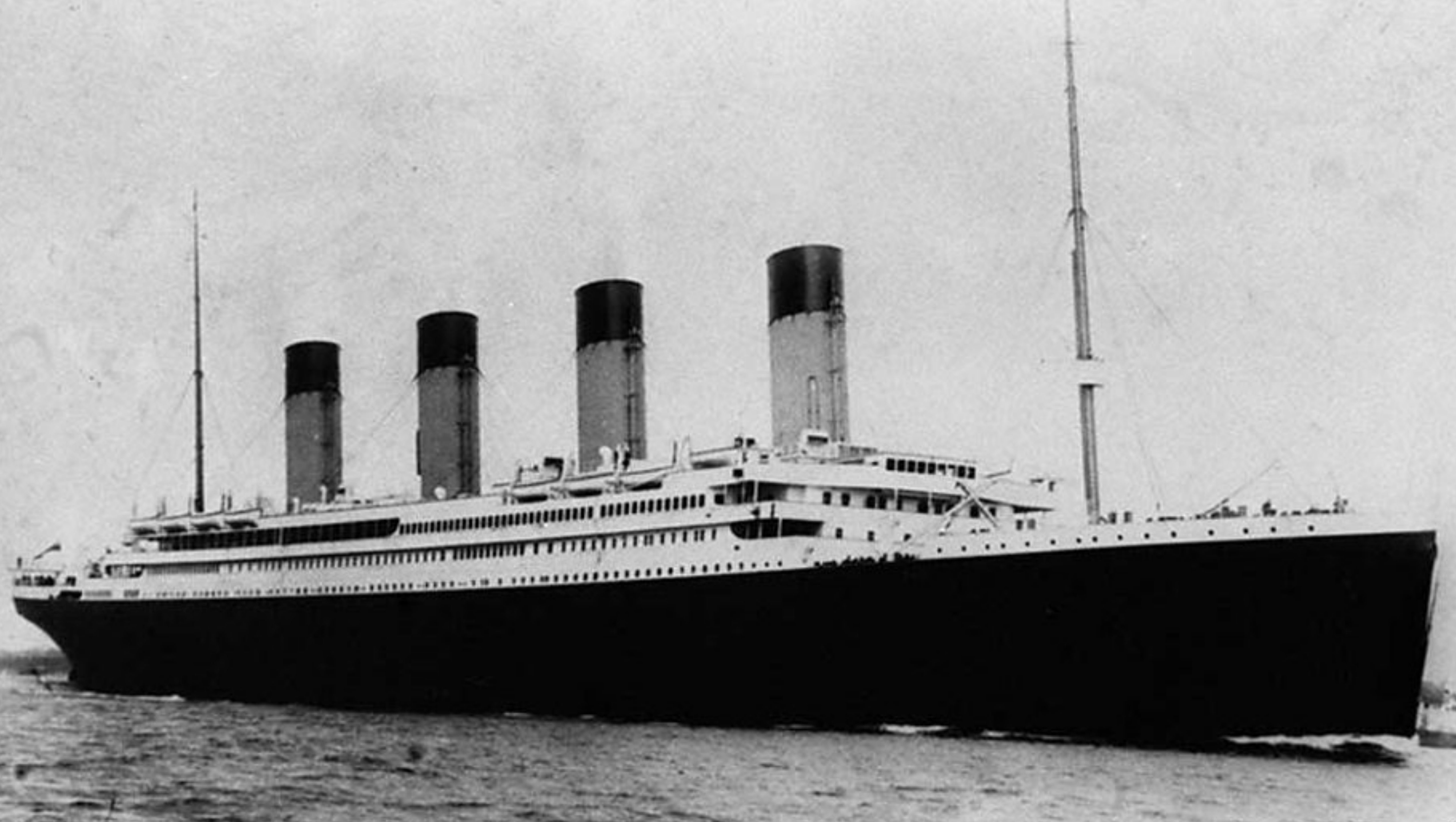
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# Twin Risks

**Presumption** – I'm worthy and righteous because of *my* good works. I'm clean.

**Condemnation** – I'm worthless and unrighteous and will always be this way. I'm filthy.







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