

AUDITION EXTRACTS

Monologue 1

(Quieting the OTHERS) Shhh! (And they begin to "preach" in a revivalist meeting style) Gather 'round, brothers and sisters! Because two men — I said two men went off to the temple to pray. One, a Pharisee, ...and the other a tax gatherer. The Pharisee, why he just stood right on up, and pra-a-a-a-yed thus: "I thank thee, O God, that I am not like other men, greedy, dishonest, adulterous, or, for that matter, like that tax gatherer. I pray twice a week — get that? Twice a week!! And pay taxes on all that I get." But the other kept his distance and would not even raise his eyes to the good Lord in Heaven, I said the good Lord in Heaven, Child! But beat upon his breast, saying: "Oh, God, have mercy on me, sinner that I am!" And it was this man, I tell you and not the other who went off and was acquitted of his sins. For every man who exalts himself...shall be humbled: But... every man who humbles himself, shall be exalted!

Monologue 2

There once was a king...Who decided to settle accounts with the men who served him. Well, at the outset there appeared before the master a man whose debt ran into the millions. I said the millions! Since the man had no means of paying the money, the master ordered him to be sold to meet the debt with his wife...And his child...And everything he had. Well, the man threw himself down at the master's feet and went: "Oh, be patient with me and I will pay you in full." And so moved with pity was the master, that he decided to free the man and remit the debt. No sooner had the man gone out than he met a fellow servant who owed him a few dollars. He gripped him by the throat and said: "Pay me what you owe me!" The man threw himself at his fellow servant's feet and begged him, saying: "B-b-b-b-be patient with me and I shall p-p-pay you." But he refused and had him jailed until he should pay the debt. Well! The other servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened. They ran and they told their master the whole story! Accordingly, he sent for... The Man!!! "You scoundrel!" He said to him. "I remitted the whole of your debt when you appealed to me. Were you not bound to show your fellow servant the same pity I showed you?" And so angry was the master that he condemned the man to torture until he could pay the debt in full. And that is how Heavenly Father will deal with you, unless you each forgive your brothers from your hearts.

Monologue 3

A man on his way to Jericho was set upon by robbers. They beat him. Stripped him and knocked him on the head, and when they left, they left him for dead. Now it so happened a priest came by and the poor broken man he spied. He said... (as PRIEST) "Meh, you're not in my congregation"... and he passed on the other side. So too a judge happened on the man, but he barely broke his stride. He said...Sorry, important case, Donald Trump . again! And he passed on the other side. But then there happened upon the man, a poor and lowly...Samaritan. First, he took pity, then he took time, he bathed the man's wounds in oil and wine. He bandaged his wounds and carried him right to the nearest Premier Inn. And

there he paid the Man's room and board with two pieces of silver he couldn't afford, and said to the innkeeper .."Look after him, and if you spend anymore, I will repay you on my way back." Now which of these three was a neighbour to the man? The priest, the judge, or..? The Samaritan! You win the prize! Now all of you go and do likewise. So always treat others as you would have them treat you You have learned that they were told, "Love your neighbour, hate your enemy." But what I tell you is this...Love, love, love your enemies!

Monologue 4

Now, what is the greatest commandment of them all? Thou shalt love the Lord, your God, with all your heart and all your soul. This is the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. All the rest of the law, and all the prophets have written, is based on these first two. The doctors of the law and the Pharisees sit in the chair of Moses, therefore listen to what they say, pay attention to their words, but do not follow their practices For they say one thing and do another. They make up heavy packs and pile them on men's shoulders and they don't raise a finger to lift the load themselves. Everything they do is done for show Oh, they go about wearing broad phylacteries with large tassels on their robes. They like to have their places of honour at feasts and at the synagogues and to be greeted respectfully in the streets and to be called "teacher." But you must not be called "teacher" for you have one teacher: The Messiah,...and you must not call any man on earth "father" for you have only one Father and you are all brothers,...And you must call no man on earth "rabbi" for you have one Rabbi and he is in Heaven.