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The Padişah's Servants and God's Servant [variant of #82]

A man from Kastamonu [Kastanbulu, he calls it] once went to Istanbul. As he wandered about the streets of Istanbul, he saw some well-dressed servants of the padişah and asked someone, "Who are these fellows?"

"They are servants of the padişah," he was told.

As the poor man had been under the pressure of poverty all his life, he said, "Oh, God! You just take a look at the padişah's servants and then take a look at your own servant. You should be ashamed of yourself."