

THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE

THAT YOU MAY HAVE CERTAINTY

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The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Luke 18:1-8

Luke 18:1-8 ESV

1 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. **2** He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. **3** And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' **4** For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man,

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5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.” 6 And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Luke 18:1 (ESV)

¹And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

Luke 18:2 (ESV)

² “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man.

Luke 18:3 (ESV)

³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'

Luke 18:4-5 (ESV)

⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man,
⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’”

Luke 18:6-7 (ESV)

⁶And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?”

Judge

- Doesn't know the woman
- No personal interest in the woman
- Gives no access
- Isn't fair
- Answers only out of self-interest

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God

- Knows the woman deeply
- Loves and cares for those that cry out to Him
- Gives constant access
- Is just and loves everyone
- Answers only out of what's best for us

Luke 18:7b-8 (ESV)

^{7b}...Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?

Luke 11:1-10
Story of the Persistent Friend

2 Peter 3:8 (ESV)

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Luke 18:7b-8 (ESV)

^{7b}...Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, **when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?**