

LEARNING WITH LUKE 18:1-8 “TIME TO PERSIST” P. 1042 PEW BIBLE

Luke 18:1, 7-8 “Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart... Will not God give justice to His elect, who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long? He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?”

1- PLEADING WIDOW - *impertinent*

Luke 18:1-3 - *kept coming*
Jms 1:27, Acts 6:1-7,
1Tim 5:1-16, Mal 3:5,
Jer 7:5-7, Isa 1:17,23 - *justice*

The issue for both the widow and the disciples was justice against their enemies. Jesus had advised His disciples about stumbling blocks to come in their lifetimes, and they asked for an increase in faith. He continues to show them how to strengthen their faith for the tough times to come, through constant prayer. -J.McDermott

2- IMPIOUS JUDGE - *imperious*

Luke 18:4-5 - *justice*
2Chron 19:6-7 - *Lord*
2Cor 8:21 - *what is right*
Deut 10:17-18, 32:4,10
Luke 23:13-25 - *Pilate*

We live in a country that is supposed to be under God. Yet the government and its minions for the most part have made a declaration of independence from God. He is not in their thinking, and there's growing hostility toward the things of God. But every judge in the history of the world will answer at some point to the Judge of all the earth, who never in all eternity rendered a judgment based on political expediency. -RC Sproul

3- GOD OF JUSTICE - *perfect*

Luke 18:6-7 - *elect*
Exodus 22:22-24 - *cry out*
Gen 18:25 - *judge of all*

Whatever God is, He is infinitely. He is infinitely loving, infinitely gracious, infinitely merciful, infinitely just. His chosen ones persist in prayer not to get God's attention, but because we know He cares and will hear us. -RK Hughes

4- WILL HE FIND FAITH? - *personal*

Luke 18:8 - *speedily - justice*
Luke 17:1-6, 25-33 - *seed*
Luke 11:1-13, 12:22-40 - *Father*
Col 1:3-6,23, 2Thss 1:3-5 - *growing*
Rom 1:5-6, 16:26-27, 2Pet 1:1-2, 3:8-9

There is no better way to cultivate a sense of dependence upon God than persistent or determined prayer. -RK Hughes
If Jesus Christ came today, would He find faith in your house? Would He find faith in your heart? -RC Sproul

5- HOW SHOULD WE PRAY? - *persevere*

Luke 2:37, 10:2 - *earnestly*
Matt 6:7, 1Kings 18:26 - *faith*
Luke 22:40, Matt 26:41 - *awake*
Acts 1:14, 2:42, 6:4 - *devoted to prayer*
Rom 12:12, Col 4:2, 1Thess 5:17, Eph 6:18 - *without ceasing*

Let us resolve to pray on steadily, patiently, perseveringly, and never doubt that it does us good. However long the answer may be in coming, still let us pray on, pray always, pray without ceasing, and continue in prayer. Let us arm our minds with this parable. While we live, whatever we make time for, let us make time for prayer. -JC Ryle

DAILY BIBLE READING ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY~WORLD

5-30 **Luke 18:1-8** - *faith*
5-31 **Deut 10:12-22** - *love*
6-01 **2Chron 19:1-11** - *just*
6-02 **Matt 6:1-34** - *prayer*
6-03 **1Thess 5:1-24** - *pray*
6-04 **Eph 6:10-20** - *Spirit*
6-05 **Rom 1:5-6, 16:26-27**

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God

♦ How will I be **transformed**, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey

