

Jesus Encourages Continual Prayer to Counter Giving Up (Luke 18:1-8)

¹ Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, ² saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. ³ "Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' ⁴ "And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, ⁵ 'yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'" ⁶ Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. ⁷ "And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? ⁸ "I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

1. The _____ of the Parable

¹ Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, ² saying:

- The Ongoing _____
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2. Person #1 of the Parable: A _____

"There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.

- His _____
- His view of _____
- His view of _____

3. Person #2 of the Parable: A _____

³ "Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'

- Her _____
- Her _____
- Her _____

4. The Point of the Parable: Prayer Works in _____ Situations

⁴ "And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, ⁵ 'yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'"

- The Judge's _____ responses
- The Judge's _____ choice

5. Jesus _____ the Parable

⁶ Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said.

- The _____
- The _____

6. Jesus _____ the Parable

⁷ "And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?

- The Holy, _____ God
- The _____ Elect
- The _____ Elect
- The _____ God

7. God's _____ to Prayer

⁸ "I tell you that He will avenge them speedily.

- It is _____
- It is _____

8. Jesus Questions Our _____

Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

- When Jesus _____
- Will He _____ "the faith?"
- [Will everyone _____ heart, not availing themselves of God's help?]

Summary Thoughts:

- You have an Amazing _____!
- Do not be losing heart – Be _____!