

THE MORAL OF THE STORY

#4 Pray with Persistence

Luke 18:1-8

THE PARABLE OF THE UNJUST JUDGE

Luke 18:1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2 He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

Luke 18:4 "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'"

Luke 18:6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

1. The POINT: God's People Should Always Pray Instead of Giving Up 18:1

2. The STORY: An Unjust Judge and a Persistent Widow 18:2-5

A. The Characters –

The Judge:

The Widow:

B. The Courtroom Scene -

C. The Conversation (with himself) -

3. The INTERPRETATION: God Isn't Like That! 18:6-7

A. The Extreme Contrast: God and the judge

B. The Poignant Comparison: Us and the widow

C. A Convicting Question: "However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

4. The CONTEXT: Jesus is Calling for a Particular Kind of Praying 17:22-18:1

*Beginning on Friday, September 17th: Third Friday "House of Prayer" Gathering in the Prayer Chapel, 7:00-8:30PM.