

The Parable of the Woman and the Judge (Luke 18:1-8)

Scripture Text:

1. Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,
 2. saying, "In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man.
 3. There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.'
 4. For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man,
 5. yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.' "
 6. And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge *said;
 7. now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?
 8. I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"
- (Luke 18:1-8 NASB1995)

Outline:

- I. The Purpose of the Parable (v.1)
- II. The Persistent Widow and the Irreverent Judge of the Parable (vv.2-5)
- III. The Prompt Lord Who Brings Swift Justice for His Elect (vv.6-8)

Worksheet:

- I. The Purpose of the Parable (v.1)
 - a. "at all times" When should people do it? _____
 - b. "they ought to pray" What should people do? _____
 - c. "not to lose heart" How should they do it? _____

II. The Persistent Widow and the Irreverent Judge of the Parable (vv.2-5)

a. “a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man” How does this character flaw of the judge impact his ability to dispense justice? *[discussion]* _____

b. “a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him” What admirable attribute is being displayed by the “widow in the city”? *[discussion]* _____

c. What did she want? _____

d. “For a while he was unwilling” What does this say about this judge who refused to give the widow “legal protection from her opponent”? *[discussion]* _____

e. “Even though I do not fear God nor respect man” What kind of judge was this man? _____

f. “yet because this widow bothers me” What was his motivation? *[discussion]* _____

g. What did this irreverent judge finally do? Why? *[discussion]* _____

h. What does this say about the character of this irreverent judge? *[discussion]* _____

III. The Prompt Lord Who Brings Swift Justice for His Elect (vv.6-8)

a. “the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge *said;” Why does the Lord say this? *[discussion]* _____

- b. What will God do for His elect? Why? *[discussion]* _____

- c. What does this say about the character of God? *[discussion]* _____

- d. When will God bring about justice for His elect who cry out day and night? _____
- e. When the Lord returns, however, “will He find faith on the earth?” *[discussion]* _____

- f. Why does He ask this question and transition the focus to those who are “crying out day and night”? *[discussion]* _____

- g. What does this mean for the church today? *[discussion]* _____

Notes: _____

