

**When the Son of man  
comes . . .**

**Will we be found  
faithful?**

# Luke 18

<sup>1</sup> Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, <sup>2</sup> saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. <sup>3</sup> Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’”

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

<sup>6</sup> Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said. <sup>7</sup> And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you that He will avenge them speedily.

What was the purpose of this parable?

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Do you think the hearers understood why Jesus told them this parable? What about us?

What are we not told about the widow?

What did the widow want from the judge?

Justice  
Mercy

What qualities did the widow have that we should emulate?

Consistent  
Persistent  
Unrelenting

What other NT passages do verses 7-8(a) remind you regarding God avenging His saints?

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# Revelation 6: 9-11

<sup>9</sup> When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. <sup>10</sup> And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood

on those who dwell on the earth?”

<sup>11</sup> Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both *the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were*, was completed.

# 2 Thessalonians 1: 3-10

<sup>3</sup> We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, <sup>4</sup> so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith

in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,  
<sup>5</sup> *which is* manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; <sup>6</sup> since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you,

<sup>7</sup> and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, <sup>8</sup> in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> These shall

be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, <sup>10</sup> when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.



What was going to sustain their  
spiritual and physical lives and will  
sustain ours?

Faith

So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God.”

Mark 11: 22

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11: 1

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

Hebrews 11: 3

without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11: 6

Is remaining faithful tough  
at times?

The apostles said to the Lord,  
“Increase our faith!”

Luke 17: 5



For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

Romans 1: 17

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all *that* you *do* be done with love.

1 Corinthians 16: 13-14

... yet now He has reconciled ... if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven,

Colossians 1: 21(b), 23(a)

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

1 Timothy 4: 1

But refuse *the* younger widows;  
for when they have begun to grow  
wanton against Christ, they desire  
to marry, having condemnation  
because they have cast off their  
first faith.

1 Timothy 5: 11-12

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6: 12

But Jesus said to him, “No one,  
having put his hand to the plow,  
and looking back, is fit for the  
kingdom of God.”

Luke 9: 62

Prayer



Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 6-7

Continue earnestly in prayer,  
being vigilant in it with  
thanksgiving;

Colossians 4: 2

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Is anyone among you suffering?  
Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful?  
Let him sing psalms.

James 5: 13

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”

1 Peter 4: 13

Don't be like those that  
have no root.

But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

Luke 8: 13

Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

Luke 8: 14



What are the faithful doing?

... lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6: 20-21

Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

2 Corinthians 4: 1

Therefore we do not lose heart.  
Even though our outward man is  
perishing, yet the inward *man* is  
being renewed day by day. For  
our light affliction, which is but for  
a moment, is working for us a far  
more exceeding *and* eternal  
weight of glory,

2 Corinthians 4: 16-17

Jesus Christ *is* the same  
yesterday, today, and forever. Do  
not be carried about with various  
and strange doctrines.

Hebrews 13: 8-9

What was the primary focus  
of the parable?

I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?

Luke 18: 8

Don't lose heart, even  
though you go through  
tough times.



Let your prayers be  
consistent and persistent.

Be prayersistent  
in your  
daily prayer life.

Remember.

God's word is still the truth,  
even if no one believes it.

A lie is still a lie,  
even if everyone believes it.