

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE
JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 18:1-8

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**DON'T JUST STAND THERE
PRAY ABOUT IT**

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SAVOIR OF ALL MANKIND*

Part 2

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Perseverance, Prayer, Expectation, Faithfulness

Introduction to the Text;

Luke 18:1-8

The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage

What do you have the Tendence to do
*when you're troubled about something? being in church right now you might say
"Pray" but I doubt that as the norm. Most people pick up the phone and start
talking to someone who will either listen to your problem
or perhaps fix your problem.*

As Christians, why do we Tend to Run to People
when we can go straight to the Lord? - the answer is, because of unbelief !!!

With all of the Christians Privileges that we have
*Prayer and Praying is by Far the Most Power Resource of All,
Yet it's perhaps the Least taken advantage of and Least understood.*

I Think we can all Agree that When things are tough
we tend to look to God more and with a more fervent or urgent passion.

Jesus Talked About Trobling Days - John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Luke 18:1-8

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men ought **always 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?

**This Issue, or Topic of Prayer was and is All Important to
Jesus Christ, The Lord of the Bible.**

He loved to instruct and teach His listerners in what I call “Tecnicolor” terms.
But you know His style of teaching as ‘Parables”.

Parabolic Is most effective; Because...

- (1) it takes what is common and sets it before your mind. (2) it uses that which is realavent to the listerner. and (3) it reveals the point with unforgettable clarity.

**WHY DO WE OFTEN JUST STAND THERE
RATHER THAN PRAY ABOUT IT?**

last time we looked at 2 factual reasons

- (1) He doubt that the Lord is waiting to hear from us,
and (2) if he does hear us, He probably wont answer us anyway.

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1.) Christian, Our God is **Waiting to Hear Us** v.1-3

1a.) Make talking to God our **priority**

1b.) Make talking to God our **discipline**

1c.) Make talking to God our **strength**

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2.) Christian, our God is **Willing to Answer us** v.4-6

2a.) The Lord is never **avoiding** us

2b.) The Lord is never **tired** of us

2c.) The Lord is never **rejecting** us

In **James 1:6-8**,

James Instructed Us as to How We're To Prayer

But let us ask in faith, without **doubting** (*to hesitate or to make a false start*) for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. :7 For let not that man suppose that **he will receive anything from the Lord**; :8 he is a **double-minded** man, (*a man who's thoughts are split, a man unreliable with his decisions, uncertain about that which he thinks, feels, and decides*). this man is **unstable** (*adrift or floating*) in all his ways.

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We Pick Up Now With Part 2 of ; DON'T JUST STAND THERE, PRAY ABOUT IT

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3.) Christian, Your God is Wanting to Protect You v.7-8

In this Parable,
the poor widow is powerless, unprotected, and alone.
this is not the case with the Christian today !!!

Our Situation is All Together ‘Opposite’ of Hers.

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YOUR GOD IS WANTING TO PROTECT YOU

3a.) So listen for His voice to call

Verse 7

And shall not God **avenge His own elect** (*opposite of this heartless judge*)
who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? (*God is impatiently wanting to answer, He is eagerly waiting to answer.*)

Better Than Any Parent Ever;

The Lord is “**On Guard**” and He’s “**Watching Out**” over His Children.

Psa. 46:1-3

Our God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. :2

Therefore we will not fear, Even though the **earth** (*my job*) be removed, And though the **mountains** (*our house*) be carried into the midst of the sea; :3 Though the **waters** (*the bills*) roar and be troubled, Though the **mountains** (*everything we've known to be normal*) shake with its swelling.

Verse 7a

“And shall not God **avenge His own elect**”

This word “**avenge**” means to vindicate, to make restitution, to rush in with aid and relief.

Verse 7b

“though He **bears long** with them?”

this “**bears long**” means He will not delay or be late

Church, Currently We Are Living In

some very “**interesting times**” that are soon to get “**very difficult**” before they get “**really bad**” for the Christian.”

This World Needs The Lord, But It Ask Him / America Needs The Lord, But Has Rejected Him / You Need Him, But What Will You Do?

Psa. 3:4

I cried to the LORD with my voice, And He heard me

Many of our youth today are in a crisis Today
without knowing that their Creator is Waiting to Hear from Them.
but they've never been taught "how to" listen for God.

*W*hat does His voice sound like?

His voice will be "**Unusually Familiar**" to you

1Kings 19:11-13

Then Elijah went out and stood on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, **but the LORD was not in the wind**; and after the wind an earthquake, **but the LORD was not in the earthquake**; :12 and after the earthquake a fire, **but the LORD was not in the fire**; and after the fire came **A STILL SMALL VOICE**. :13 So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said,
"What are you doing here, Elijah?"

*H*ow will I know if it's Him speaking?

It will be "**Profoundly Simply**". but it will "Wow" you

John 14:25-26

"These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. :26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I have spoken to you.

*W*hat will be the proof that it was Him?

What He has said to you "**Will Come to Pass**" and you will see it.

Is. 55:11

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me void,
But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall **prosper in the thing** for which I sent it.

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3b.) So **watch** for His deliverance

Verse 8a

I tell you that He will **avenge** them **speedily**.

“**speedily**” we use the words today “**in short order**”

How do we explain

delays in prayer or what looks like **unanswered** prayer?

what looks like a delay to us is preparation by God.

the answer has either come speedily or it is yet coming.

regardless, it will come at just the right moment.

Matt. 6:8b

For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

we have a hard time wrapping our mind around that...

you and i live on a very limited plain.

we see in a 3 dimensional world. God does not. he lives in the eternal dimation.

but what does that mean?

where God is, tomorrow has already come and gone and now is happening.

the beginning has ended, and the end hasn't yet begun now.

~~He's Not Big and Old~~ - He's Eternal

A couple weeks ago We Went to See the Rose Parade Floats

1John 5:14-15

Now this is **the confidence** that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. :15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Psa. 50:15

Call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will **deliver** you, and you shall glorify Me.”

Our life should be a walking prayer 1Sam. 17:37

Moreover David said, “The LORD, who **delivered** me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, **He will deliver me** from the hand of this Philistine.”

Psa. 7:1

O LORD my God, in You I put my trust;
Save me from all those who persecute me; And **deliver** me,

Rev. 3:10

Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will **keep** (*deliver*) you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

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YOUR GOD IS WANTING TO PROTECT YOU

3c.) So place your faith in Him alone

Verse 8b

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

Verse 1, 8

Luke 18:1,8b

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There's a profound Embrace, a Book-end effect, linking verses 1 and 8 together in this parable. - *It's Faith !*

Jesus is Warning That @ The Time of His Return there would be few people waiting and looking for Him.

The New Testament is Replete with Exhortation and Admonitions to be alert and to be living in a state of expectation.

your faith is your greatest commodity
and it will become even more precious as the days get darker.

ill educated & poorly informed people
make fun of faith.

according to the bible, what is faith ?

Heb. 11:1

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

Heb. 11:1 – Greek Amplified Version

NOW FAITH is the **assurance** (the confirmation, the title deed of ownership) of the things [we] **hope** for, being the **proof** of things [we] do not see *and* the **conviction** of their reality (even though that which we have hope for has not yet been revealed to our human faculties and senses).

what faith does in a life

- (1) faith **moves** and out into those things that you see as impossible.
- (2) faith **sees** over the obstacle, down the road and around the bend.
- (3) faith **touches** the things that we cant see with our physical eyes.

Listen, Ultimately, Faith is The Vehicle That Takes Us to the Place of Deliverance and into the arms of Jesus Christ Himself.

with all that is happening right now in the world;
you will be placing your faith in something or someone.

Beware of the "Faith Robbers"

Why We Don't Pray to More

- is it because we're not in enough trouble yet.
- is it because things aren't bad enough yet.
- is it because we don't want Him to answer.
- is it because we don't believe He'll do anything about it.
- is it because we don't understand Him.

This Has Got to Change – Read Your Bible !

1Tim. 4:1

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

2Tim. 3:1-5

But know this, that in the last days **perilous times** will come: :2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, :3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, :4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, :5 having a form of godliness **(looking outwardly religouse)** but denying its power.
And from such people turn away!

Listen – One of those “**Perilous Times**” Indicators is
Praylessness, Doubt & Unbelief.

what question should you ask?

“Why Should I Pray ?”

that’s right, why should you pray ?

As we close with our thanks to God in worship of Him.

Come Forward for Prayer Right Now

(Repeat After Me)

**if you and i have never met before or if your visiting with us
today or if you’re a real-radio listener, then please, I would
love to meet you near the fountain in the courtyard**

End of Study