

Luke 18:1-8 (KJV)

¹ And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

² Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

³ And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

⁴ And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

⁵ Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

⁶ And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

⁷ And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

⁸ I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Luke 18:1-8 (NKJV)

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 ^{to}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?”

Luke 18:1-8 (AMP)

¹ Now Jesus was telling the disciples a parable to make the point that at all times they ought to pray and not give up *and* lose heart,

² saying, “In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and had no respect for man.

³ There was a [desperate] widow in that city and she kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice *and* legal protection from my adversary.’

⁴ For a time he would not; but later he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear God nor respect man,

⁵ yet because this widow *continues* to bother me, I will give her justice *and* legal protection; otherwise [by continually coming she [will be an intolerable annoyance and she] will wear me out.’”

⁶ Then the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says!

⁷ And will not [our just] God defend *and* avenge His elect [His chosen ones] who cry out to Him day and night? Will He delay [in providing justice] on their behalf?

⁸ I tell you that He will defend *and* avenge them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find [this kind of persistent] faith on the earth?”

Luke 18:1-8 (NLT)

¹ One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.

² “There was a judge in a certain city,” he said, “who neither feared God nor cared about people.

³ A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, ‘Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.’

⁴ The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, ‘I don’t fear God or care about people,

⁵ but this woman is driving me crazy. I’m going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!’”

⁶ Then the Lord said, “Learn a lesson from this unjust judge.

⁷ Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don’t you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?

⁸ I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man[Ⓜ] returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?”

Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)

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 what people thought.

³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

⁴ “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think,

⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

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?”