

Insights from Luke

#69: "Being a Dog in Prayer"

Luke 18:1-8

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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 18:2-5

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II Chronicles 19:6-7

"⁶ He said to the judges, 'Consider what you are doing, for you do not judge for man but for the Lord who is with you when you render judgment. ⁷ Now then let the fear of the Lord be upon you; be very careful what you do, for the Lord our God will have no part in unrighteousness or partiality or the taking of a bribe.'"

Exodus 22:22

"²² You shall not afflict any widow or orphan."

Isaiah 1:23

"²³ Your rulers are rebels and companions of thieves; Everyone loves a bribe and chases after rewards. They do not defend the orphan, nor does the widow's plea come before them."

Isaiah 1:17

"¹⁷ Learn to do good; Seek justice, Reprove the ruthless, Defend the orphan, Plead for the widow."

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There is a profound contrast between the unjust judge and God himself.

We must take more seriously the Lord’s Prayer.

We need not badger God for a response.

Persistence in prayer is not the same as nagging in prayer.

**We live in the now and not yet.
Never forget it!**

**When the Son of God returns
will He find you in the faith?**