

Luke 18:1-8 **Persistent Woman & Godless Judge – Will He find Faith?**

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 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?" NKJV

Facts Revealed:

✚ The point of the story is that Jesus wants us to persist in prayer when adversity comes and not to become discouraged.

✧ Like in most of the parables regarding the coming of the Kingdom, there is a time delay between the promise and the actually coming of the Lord.

✧ When the time comes for the end to take place, it will happen quickly.

✧ God is looking for those who will be faithfully living obedient lives expectantly watching for the time of His Return.

✧ The important question is, "**When the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?**"

✧ Jesus certainly will come, and when He does, will you be living holy and righteous while watching eagerly and expectantly when He comes?

✧ Will you be able to recognize the signs that announce His coming?

✧ Or will you blindly be so wrapped up in your own selfish world that you will fail to be ready when He does come?

✧ Remember, Jesus said, "**Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.**" [Luke 21:36]

✧ If you do, you will receive the reward of the overcomers and faithful. [Luke 12:43-44, Matthew 24:46-47]

✧ When Jesus comes to set up His Kingdom, He will reward the Saints. [Revelation 11:16-18, Matthew 16:27, Revelation 22:12, Mark 8:38, Luke 9:26]

✧ The Rewards will be marvelous. [Job 19:25-27, Micah 7:18-19, Isaiah 55:6-13, 56:1-8, 57:13b-19, 59:20-21, Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 73:24, Matthew 25:29, 34, John 5:25-29, 1 Corinthians 6:1-3, 13:12, 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20, 2 Thessalonians 1:7, 2:13-14, 2 Timothy 4:8, Hebrews 8:7-12, 10:14-17, 12:28-29, James 1:12, 1 Peter 5:4, 1 John 2:28, 3:2, Revelation 1:4-6, 2:10, 2:7b, 2:11b, 2:17b, 2:26-28, 3:4-5, 3:9, 3:10, 3:11-12a, 3:12b, 3:21, 5:8-10]

✧ If you don't, you will receive a very unpleasant surprise and be judged with the unbelievers and hypocrites.

✧ The one who, because of the time delay, scoffs at the probability of the Master's coming, and who begins to live like the worldly people around him; [Matthew 24:48-51, Luke 12:45-46, 2 Peter 3:3-4, Jude 1:17-18]

✧ Will suddenly find himself facing the wrath of the Master, as he receives the punishment met out for the hypocrites and unbelievers. [Matthew 24:50-51, Luke 12:45-46]

- ✧ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [Matthew 24:51, 8:12, 13:42, 50, 22:13, 25:30, Mark 9:18, Luke 13:28]
- ✧ The command is to **Watch and be ready.** [Matthew 24:42, 44, 25:13, Mark 13:33, 34, 35, 37, Luke 12:37, 21:36, Acts 20:31, 1 Corinthians 16:13, Ephesians 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:6, 2 Timothy 4:5, 1 Peter 4:7, Revelation 3:2-3, 16:15]
- ✧ We are expected to remain faithful until He arrives.