

Spiritual Warfare in the Last Days Part 2, Persistent Prayer, Persistent Faith

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Luke 18:1-8 (Amplified Bible)

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?"**

Matthew 7:7-8 (Amplified Bible)

Ask *and* keep on asking and it will be given to you; seek *and* keep on seeking and you will find; knock *and* keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who keeps on asking receives, and he who keeps on seeking finds, and to him who keeps on knocking, it will be opened.

James 1:5-8 (New International Version)

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ **But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.** ⁷ **That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.** ⁸ **Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.**

Ephesians 6:18 (Amplified Bible)

With all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all ^[e]God's people