BREAKING

REDEEMER Christian Church

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Luke 18:1-8 NASB95

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.'

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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.'"

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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?"

Steadfast Prayer

The Aim: “Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart.”

Kingdom Horizon: Directly follows Luke 17:20–37, where Jesus warns that disciples will long for the coming of the Son of Man.

Don’t Lose Heart: describes caving in to exhaustion when evil seems unchallenged.

Thought

Persistence breaks through indifference

A Tale of Two Judges

Corrupt Character: Fears neither God nor man; devoid of moral compassion or integrity.

Distant Stranger: Has no covenantal bond with the widow; views her only as a nuisance.

Self-Serving Action: Yields to her plea solely to protect his own comfort and reputation.

Perfectly Just & Holy: The righteous Judge of all the earth who loves justice and mercy.

Beloved Chosen Ones: Listens to "His elect" whom He has chosen, redeemed, and cherished.

Covenant Faithfulness: Brings about justice gladly and decisively in His sovereign timing.

Patience is Followed by Swift Justice

Unceasing Cry: God's elect "cry to Him day and night," echoing the widow's continual approaches.

Longsuffering Mercy: "And will He delay long over them?"

Decisive Speed: "He will bring about justice for them quickly." Suddenly and completely.

Prayer As Proof

Luke 18:8 “...However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"

John 16:20–22 NASB95

"Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and
lament, but the world will rejoice; you will
grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy. 21
"Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain,
because her hour has come;

John 16:20-22 NASB95

but when she gives birth to the child, she no
longer remembers the anguish because of the
joy that a child has been born into the world. 22
"Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see
you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no
one will take your joy away from you.

Romans 8:22 NASB95

For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

Romans 8:23-25 NASB95

And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.
24 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees?

Romans 8:23–25 NASB95

25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

Romans 8:26–27 NASB95

In the same way the Spirit also helps our
weakness; for we do not know how to pray as
we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for
us with groanings too deep for words; [27] and He
who searches the hearts knows what the mind
of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the
saints according to the will of God.