

Who Are You  
Praying To?



Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,

**Luke 18:1-17**

Pray without ceasing;

1 Thessalonians 5:17

<sup>2</sup> saying, “In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man

Luke 18:1-17

<sup>5</sup> He appointed judges in the land, in each of the fortified cities of Judah. <sup>6</sup> He told them, “Consider carefully what you do, because you are not judging for mere mortals but for the Lord, who is with you whenever you give a verdict. <sup>7</sup> Now let the fear of the Lord be on you. Judge carefully, for with the Lord our God there is no injustice or partiality or bribery.”

**2 Chronicles 19:5-7**

<sup>3</sup> There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, ‘Give me legal protection from my opponent.’ <sup>4</sup> For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.’”

**Luke 18:1-17**

<sup>38</sup> In His teaching He was saying: “Beware of the scribes who like to walk around in long robes, and like respectful greetings in the market places, <sup>39</sup> and chief seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets, <sup>40</sup> who devour widows’ houses, and for appearance’s sake offer long prayers; these will receive greater condemnation.”

**Mark 12:38-40**

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge <sup>\*</sup>said; <sup>7</sup> now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? <sup>8</sup> 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 18:1-17

“To pray without ceasing means to have such holy desires in our hearts, in the will of God, that we are constantly in loving communion with the Father, petitioning Him for His blessing.”

Warren Wiersbe

Now, O Lord our God, I pray, deliver us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone, O Lord, are God.”

<sup>20</sup> Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah saying, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘Because you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard you.’”

**2 Kings 19:19-20**

9 And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt:

Luke 18:1-17

<sup>10</sup> “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’

Luke 18:1-17

<sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'

Luke 18:1-17

<sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Luke 18:1-17

“We gain nothing by coming to God in the lie of pride. The principle God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble is so important God repeated it three times (Proverbs 3:34, James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5).

David Guzik

<sup>15</sup> And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they began rebuking them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called for them, saying, “Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>17</sup> Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all.”

**Luke 18:1-17**

“A little child takes its food, its parents’ love and protection, because they are given, without beginning to think of whether it deserves them or whether it is important enough to merit such attention. So must we all receive God’s kingdom and enter into it.”

R. Kent Hughes



The steadfast love of  
the Lord never ceases;  
his mercies never  
come to an end;  
they are new every  
morning; great is your  
faithfulness.

Lamentations  
3:22-23



## Who Are You Praying To?

After talking about end times in chapter 17, Jesus tells us not to lose heart. Jesus shows us a comparison between the worldly judge and the heavenly Father. After this He moves into another parable, this time about the Pharisee and the tax collector. Jesus then tells us about how to receive access into the kingdom.

**Luke 18:1-17**







