



# TENACIOUS PRAYER



21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING: LUKE 18:1-8

## LUKE 17:20-21

BEING ASKED BY THE PHARISEES **WHEN** THE KINGDOM OF GOD WOULD COME, HE ANSWERED THEM, "THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT COMING IN WAYS THAT CAN BE OBSERVED, NOR WILL THEY SAY, 'LOOK, HERE IT IS!' OR 'THERE!' FOR BEHOLD, THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS IN THE MIDST OF YOU." (ESV)

**LUKE 17:37**

**AND THEY SAID TO HIM, "WHERE, LORD?" HE SAID  
TO THEM, "WHERE THE CORPSE IS, THERE THE  
VULTURES WILL GATHER." (ESV)**

## LUKE 17:22-23

AND HE SAID TO THE DISCIPLES, "THE DAYS ARE COMING WHEN **YOU WILL DESIRE TO SEE ONE OF THE DAYS OF THE SON OF MAN, AND YOU WILL NOT SEE IT.** AND THEY WILL SAY TO YOU, 'LOOK, THERE!' OR 'LOOK, HERE!' DO NOT GO OUT OR FOLLOW THEM. (ESV)

SO JESUS ISN'T MOCKING THEIR CONCERN AS TO "WHERE" AND "WHEN" HIS RETURN WILL TAKE PLACE, AND IS IN FACT ACKNOWLEDGING THE VALIDITY OF BOTH:

- THE **DESIRE TO SEE HIM** COME FIX EVERYTHING, AND
- THE **TEMPTATION TO PUT ASIDE THAT DESIRE** WHEN IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT IS GETTING MET.

WHAT DOES JESUS **EXPECT** OF HIS  
FOLLOWERS WHO "DESIRE TO SEE ONE OF  
THE DAYS OF THE SON OF MAN" BUT HAVE  
NOT YET AND MAY NOT?

VS 1 - "AND HE TOLD THEM A PARABLE TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY OUGHT **ALWAYS TO PRAY AND NOT LOSE HEART.**

VS 8 - NEVERTHELESS, WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES, WILL HE FIND **FAITH** ON EARTH?"

