



## Tales from the Master Story Teller The Parables of Jesus

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### The Parable of the Persistent Widow “A Story for Those Who Think God Isn’t Listening”

Luke 18:1-8

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**Theme:** Jesus tells the story of a widow whose situation looked hopeless. She was facing an unjust system and an uncaring judge. Yet her persistence and persevering faith eventually resulted in the justice she desired. Jesus’ application is clear: If this woman’s persistent requests to an unjust judge resulted in an answer, how much more will our prayers of faith to our loving heavenly Father be answered.

#### **Outline:**

1. The Purpose of the Parable; 18:1

2. The Background: Widows in the First Century

3. The Parable; 18:2–5

a. The Unjust, Uncaring Judge, v. 2

- Didn’t fear God: no justice
- Didn’t care about people or their opinion: no compassion

b. The persistent & tenacious widow, v. 3

c. The judge relents, vv. 4–5

#### 4. Jesus' Teaching after the Parable; 18:6–8

a. The Judge as a Model for God? vv. 6–8a

- A negative model
- A “lesser to greater” argument
- God will bring justice, & quickly

b. The Return of the Son of Man: *Will he find faith?* v. 8

### **Take-Aways:**

*We can be assured of success through life's greatest trials when we:*

1. Persevere in prayer
2. Persevere in seeking what is right
3. Persevere in faith

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