

The Parable of the Persistent Widow
Luke 18:1-8

Points to Consider

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The One Praying

The one praying should not lose _____.

Luke 22:39-46

Luke said the apostles were sleeping from _____.

Jesus was deeply distressed, yet he _____ to pray.

An angel came and _____ the Lord.

The Lord was persistent in His prayers.

2 Cor 3:16-4:1

We remain _____ when we are transformed into the same image as Jesus Christ.

We do not lose heart when we appreciate the mercy God gives us daily.

2 Cor 4:16-18

Knowing we will be raised with Christ we do not lose heart. Our inward man is being _____ day by day.

Matt 15:21-28

Jesus' first response was to say and do _____. Would you have stopped here?

Jesus' second was saying he was not going to help her. Would you have stopped here?

Jesus' third response was telling her that you don't give the children's food to the _____. Would you have stopped here?

Jesus' final response was to heal the woman's daughter based on the woman's great _____.

Our text from this morning concludes by saying, "*Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?*"

1 Kings 18:41-44

Elijah's prayer was full of faith _____ persistence. The two can and should go together.

Persistence is very powerful!

The Prayer

Luke 18:3 *Get justice for me from my adversary.*

You can sum up her prayer in just one word – _____.

Ps 79:8-9 *Oh, do not remember former iniquities against us! Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us, For we have been brought very low. 9 Help us, O God of our salvation, For the glory of Your name; And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, For Your name's sake!*

In the book of Psalms we often find cries for the Lord's help. The phrase "make _____ to help" appears several times in the Psalms. David often refers to the Lord as his help.

The model prayer that we studied about in Matthew 6 is a string of help requests. When we ask someone for help we are:

- Divesting ourselves of all _____.
- We are expressing _____ on someone else.
- We are _____ that someone else can do something we can't do.

We need God. People need the Lord!

The One Answering

In the parable Jesus told, the judge did not fear _____ or _____ man.

Luke 18:7 *And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"*

God will help those who cry out to him day and night. He will help those who are _____ in prayer.

Matt 7:9-12

We know how to give good gifts to our children. Compared to God, we are _____!
God _____ to give good things to His children.

Ps 81:10 *I am the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.*

Our part is to open our mouths. God's part is to _____ it. (Think of baby birds)

Gen 30:43 *Thus the man became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks, female and male servants, and camels and donkeys.*

God does more than provide; he makes us _____ blessed.

For what should we be fervently praying?

- 1. Our own hearts**
- 2. Our Children's hearts**
- 3. The Lord's church**
- 4. For the health of our brethren**
- 5. Financial wellbeing of our brethren during Covid 19**
- 6. For our evangelistic efforts**