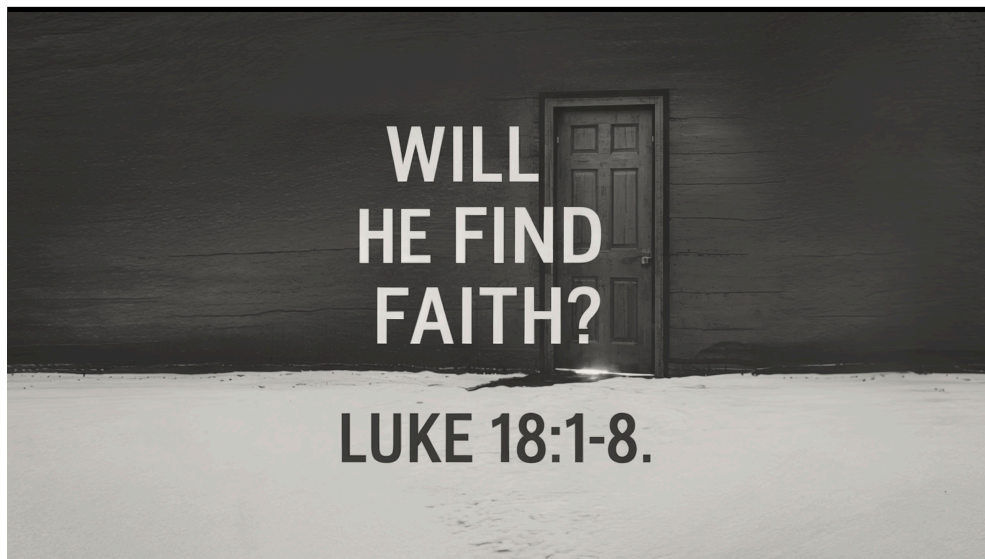


# Will He Find Faith?

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April 6, 2025 | *Luke 18:1-8*



## Observations from Luke 18:1-8:

What is happening here?

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### **The Parable of the Persistent Widow: (v1-8)**

- **Pray.** Do not lose heart. – v1
- The Judge and The Widow – v2-3
  - **The judge** "*neither feared God nor respected man*"
    - Two negatives show the depravity of the judge.
  - **The widow**, of lower status and power, keeps persisting for justice
- The Judge is bothered and gives justice – v4-5
- **God > The Judge** – v6-7
- God gives justice, will he find faith? – v8

“Will God not give justice to His elect...?” (Luke 18:7)

This is a kal v'chomer moment – Lesser to Greater:

**Jonah 4:11:** If Jonah pities a plant... how much more God a city?

**Luke 11:13:** If flawed parents give... how much more the Father?

**Matt. 6:30:** If God clothes grass... how much more His children?

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## Lessons from Luke 18:1-8:

What can we learn (interpret) from this?

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- **Persistent Prayer Reveals Real Faith**

- As we wait upon the Lord, we continue to pray faithfully. This is active faith.
  - Reference Verse(s): *Revelation 6:10, Psalm 88:1, Jonah 4:9-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

- **God Is Not Like the Judge**

- If even a corrupt judge can give justice, how much more will God?
  - Reference Verse(s): *Isaiah 30:18, Psalm 34:15, Titus 1:2, Luke 11:13*

- **Faith Must Endure in a World Gone Cold**

- The flame of faith will burn bright and hot as the world goes dark and cold.
  - Reference Verse(s): *Matthew 24:12, Hebrews 10:36-39, 2 Timothy 4:7, Luke 21:36*

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## Application from Luke 18:1-8:

How can I apply / live this out?

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- **Keep Praying, Even When It Feels Pointless**

- Prayer is about trusting in God and his timing; even in the silence.
  - Reference Verse(s): *Romans 12:12, Luke 11:9-10, Colossians 4:2, James 5:16-18, 1 Samuel 1:10-11, Psalm 55:17*

- **Trust God's Character Over Corrupt Systems**

- A judge (people) can be worn down or corrupted. God cannot. He is holy & just!
  - Reference Verse(s): *2 Peter 3:9, Lamentations 3:25, Isaiah 30:18, Psalm 9:9-10, Nahum 1:7, Habakkuk 2:3*

- **Guard Your Faith in the Delay**

- Real and Active Faith prepares, waits, and endures to the end.
  - Reference Verse(s): *Galatians 6:9, Matthew 25:13, Revelation 3:11, 1 Peter 1:6-7, Hebrews 6:11-12, Luke 21:19*

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