

Why Keep Praying? (Luke 18:1-8)

Talking to God or Questioning God

a. The Point of the Parable (v 1)

Always _____ and not _____ up

The Context of this Parable

b. Why Don't We Pray Always?

- Unanswered Prayers
- Distractions
- No Immediate Consequences

c. The Widow Contrasted with God's Chosen Ones (vv. 2-5)

Widow was a stranger	We are God's children (Jn 1:12)
Widow did not have open access	God's children have open access (Eph 2:18)
Widow did not have an advocate	We have an Advocate (1 Jn 2:1) and a High Priest (Heb 4:14)

Widow had no promises she could claim	We have promises of God in His Word to claim (2 Cor 1:20)
Widow came to a court of law	We come to a throne of grace (Heb 4:16)
Widow pled out of her poverty	We plead from perspective of God's plenty (Php 4:19)

d. The Judge Contrasted with The Father (vv. 6-8)

The judge was unrighteous	God is righteous (Ps 116:5)
The judge could be bribed	God cannot be bribed (Deut 10:17)
Judge answered because she was driving him crazy	God answers for His glory and our good (Rom 8:28)

e. God Will Bring Justice for His People

f. The Final Justice in Christ

g. Living in Light of God's Justice

Upside Down is the Right Side Up