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Luke 18:1-8

***The Parables of Jesus:  
The Unjust Judge***

#1 – What is the identity of the original audience? (18:1)

#2 – What is the problem, question or circumstance that prompted the parable? (18:1)

#3 – What is the natural meaning of the parable? (18:2-5)

**The Judge v. 2**

**The Widow v. 3**

**The Conclusion v. 4-5**

**#4 – What is the main point of the parable? (18:1)**

#6 – What interpretation did Jesus give the parable? (18:7-8)

Jesus is not \_\_\_\_\_ God to the unrighteous judge;

He is \_\_\_\_\_ God with the him!

*If an oppressed widow from town can eventually persuade an unrighteous, unfeeling, uncaring judge to give her justice by her persistence, HOW MUCH MORE will the Righteous Judge, Almighty God, be persuaded by HIS PEOPLE, whom he has chosen, to give THEM justice, when they cry out to him DAY and NIGHT!*

2 Peter 3:8-9

Revelation 6:11

#5 – What is the actual or intended response of the hearers?

Two-fold application:

1. God's character – God is NOT like the unrighteous judge who must be cajoled into action. God will act because of his character, because of his relationship to his people, and in response to their persistent prayers.

2. Our character – Will believers (will you) be persistent in praying for Jesus return? Will you not lose heart even when the answer seems long delayed?

### **In what ways does this parable apply to us?**

- Pray persistently.
- Pray for our leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-4).
- Pray for the Lord's return – for the vindication, justice, righteousness, and vengeance that accompanies Jesus' return to come (Matthew 6:10; Revelation 22:20).

Titus 2:11-14

2 Timothy 4:8

Revelation 22:12

### **Questions for Discussion and Contemplation**

1. Why do we give up so easily when we pray?
2. Why do we not regularly pray for the Lord's return? What are some possible reasons?
3. How is God **unlike** the unjust judge?
4. What other parables use negative examples to teach us a positive message? How can this be potentially confusing?
5. What do you most look forward to at Jesus' return?
6. What can we do to encourage others as we see the day of Jesus' return approaching? (Hint: Hebrews 10:23-25).