

# Persevering in Prayer

Luke 18:1-8, ESV

## The Truth Jesus Wants Us to Live

He told them a parable...that they ought **always to pray** and **not lose heart**. (Luke 18:1)

When you're down and prayed out,  
look up and pray through

### Parable Precepts

#### Contrasting

"unrighteous judge" (verse 6) ↔ "God [Father]" (verse 7)

"widow" (verse 3) hopeless ↔ "His elect" (verse 7) chosen ones

**Precept: God is far more merciful & loving than any human**

#### Comparable

"kept coming" (verse 3) "continual coming" (verse 6)

= "cry to Him day & night" (verse 7)

**Precept: God sees our perseverance**

"my adversary" (verse 3) = "your adversary" (1 Peter 5:8, ESV)

**Precept: We have an enemy who opposes us & seeks our destruction**

## The Truths Jesus Gives Us to Persevere/Pray Through

### 1. God's will is always good

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

**He will** give justice to them. (Luke 18:8)

### 2. God's timing is always perfect

Will He **delay long**? (Luke 18:7)

He will give justice **speedily**. (Luke 18:8)

The Lord is **not slow** to fulfill his promise as some count **slowness**, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (2 Peter 3:9, ESV)

### 3. God's perspective is always eternal

**When** the Son of Man **comes**. (Luke 18:8)

For this **light momentary** affliction is preparing for us an **eternal** weight of glory beyond all comparison. (2 Corinthians 4:17, ESV)

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