

Faith and Justice

Luke 18:1–8

Main Point

Pray at all times and do not lose heart. Why? Because—

I. Your faith is in a good Judge.

A. The Parable

1. Two characters:
 - a) Unjust Judge—he does not fear God, nor has any respect for his fellow man.
 - b) Helpless Widow—someone apparently sought to take advantage of her and she wanted legal protection and justice.
2. The judge refused to do what he was morally obligated to do: render justice to those who were mistreated.
3. The woman continually appealed to the judge, pleading for her cause.

B. The Parallel

1. God is righteous and altogether holy (1 Pet. 1:15–16).
2. God is the judge of all the earth (Gen. 18:25; Ps. 9:7–8).
3. When we pray, we pray to the just, righteous judge of all who will most certainly act on behalf of His people.

II. His justice will certainly come.

A. The Parable

1. The judge, annoyed by the persistence of the widow, finally acquiesces to her demands.
2. His reasons for giving in to her pleading are purely selfish: “She will wear me out with her continual coming.”

B. The Parallel

1. “Come, my soul, with every care / Jesus *loves* to answer prayer / He Himself bids you to pray / And will never turn away.”
2. Believers are called by God to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17) as an expression of their faith in God.
3. The present troubles may cause worry and fear but the faith of God’s elect demonstrates their belief that His justice will come (cf. Rev. 6:9–11).