

**Perean Ministry—Two Parables on Prayer (c. March 22–27, 33)**

Luke 18:1–14

**Pray With Endurance—God Will Answer Quickly**

1 Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,  
2 saying, “In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man.  
3 There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, ‘Give me legal protection from my opponent.’  
4 For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear God nor respect man,  
5 yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.’”  
6 And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge said;  
7 now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?  
8 I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?”

**Pray With Humility—God Resists the Proud**

9 And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt:  
10 “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.  
11 The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.  
12 I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’  
13 But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’  
14 I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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