

## Luke 18:1-8

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

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### SERMON NOTES

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## Waiting and Working: Jesus' Thoughts on Prayer Luke 18:1-8

"But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son..."  
(Galatians 4:4)

"So Jesus said to them, 'My time is not yet here...'" (John 7:6)

"Gathering them together, He commanded them...to wait for what the Father had promised..." (Acts 1:4)

Patience AND Pressing forward  
Acceptance AND Assertiveness  
Waiting AND Working



Balance?

Widow + corrupt judge + opponent

The story is contrast rather than comparison.

God cares for you!

There will be delay. (v. 7)

It will not be long. (v. 7)

Justice will come. (v. 8)

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Will Jesus find faith when He returns?

Leigh McLeroy..."it's the last 3 that count"

James 1:2-4

<sup>2</sup>Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, <sup>3</sup>knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. <sup>4</sup>And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."