

The Parable of the Unjust Judge

Luke 18:1-8

1. Relate the story of the parable briefly.
2. What subject in the previous chapter brought about this parable?
3. What rhetorical question was designed to bring comfort to the Lord's elect?
4. What is the antecedent of "them" - the ones to whom Jesus is speaking?
5. What is the purpose of the story?
6. Is the phrase "that men ought always to pray" obligatory?
7. What is the character of the principal figure in the parable?

8. Who is the other principal character in the parable and where did she live?

9. What appeal was made to the judge?

10. When the judge spoke "within himself," what did he confess about himself, perhaps proudly?

11. For what reason did the judge finally agree to avenge the woman?

12. Knowing the character of the judge, does he represent God or is he contrasted to God?

13. In what way should Christians be like the widow?

14. What is the contrast between the unjust judge and the loving, caring God to whom we pray?

15. What is our need if God, for reasons of his own, delays response to prayers?

16. What is a one-word answer to Jesus' question?

17. If the judge would finally avenge the widow for whom he cared nothing and had no sympathy, what can we say about God in contrast?

18. What do the elect people do day and night?

19. Of what is the phrase "crying day and night" a description?

20. How is the motive of the unjust judge like that of the disciples who interceded for the woman of Canaan who is mentioned in Matthew 15:23?

21. What could be the reason for any delays in avenging or vindicating the elect?

22. "When the Son of man cometh" takes us back to what occasion in chapter 17?

23. What question is asked in view of the conditions that precipitated the judgment described in chapter 17?

24. We know that the judge will be ready but who is the widow, and will she be ready for judgment?