

Jesus teaches a parable to encourage His followers to persist in prayer and never lose heart:

"Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, saying:

In Luke 18:1-8 (NKJV),

'There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.

Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, "Get justice for me from my adversary."

And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, "Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me."'

Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said.

And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?

I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" — Luke 18:1-8 (NKJV)

When the Son of Man Comes, Will He Really Find Faith on the Earth?" — What Did Jesus Mean? (luke 18;8)

The widow represents the believer who continues to pray and trust God, despite delays or discouragement. Her persistent faith is what Jesus highlights.

What Does "Will He Find Faith?" Mean?

In verse 8, Jesus asks a rhetorical question:

"Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

This doesn't suggest He is unsure, but rather emphasizes the rarity of enduring, persistent, and expectant faith in the last days.

Theologically, this refers to:

The Great Falling Away – Paul warned of a time when many would depart from the faith: in 1 Timothy 4:1

1 Timothy 4:1 (NKJV)

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons."

Spiritual Apathy and Worldliness –Many will mock the return of Christ and focus on worldly concerns:

2 Peter 3:3-4 (NKJV)

"Scoffers will come in the last days... saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming?'"

The Importance of Enduring Faith – True faith is not passive, but active, resilient, and persevering:

Matthew 24:13 (NKJV) "

But he who endures to the end shall be saved."

Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV) "

For we walk by faith, not by sight."

Jesus is asking: Will He find believers who still trust in Him, obey Him, and wait for Him—even when the world turns away?

Many have stopped praying, stopped believing, and are no longer watching for Christ's return.

But Jesus calls us to be like the persistent widow: faithful, prayerful, and expectant—even when nothing seems to be happening.

What Should We Do?

- Examine your faith. Is it alive and growing, or has it grown cold?

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- Pray continually. Like the widow, don't give up. Cry out to God day and night (Luke 18:7).
- Live with eternity in view. Don't be like those who say, "He delays His coming." Stay spiritually alert (Matthew 25:1-13).
- Encourage others. Share the hope of Christ's return with fellow believers.

The Blessed Hope

One day, at a moment no one expects, Jesus Christ—the Son of Man—will return:

Thessalonians 4:16 (NKJV)

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first."

Let us be found with faith, like that widow—trusting, praying, and enduring. When He returns, may He find you and me living by faith.

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