

51 - Luke 18:1-8 – Persistent prayer

... a parable about why we should always pray and not give up.

But what does that mean?

Luke so far

Luke 1:1-4... carefully investigated everything from the beginning.

... might know the certainty of the things he has been taught about Jesus.

Luke 9:51... Jesus starts heading to Jerusalem.

... begins to warn people off the false teachers

... prepares his followers for the increased opposition

... increases his call for people to repent

The parable

... parable urging his disciples to always pray and not give up.

... Jesus is not saying that 'God is like the judge'

The parable in context.

verse 8, "when the Son of man comes will he find faith on this earth?"

Luke 17:22 - 30

His death, his resurrection and his return for final judgement of everyone and everything.

We should be praying that we do not give up following Jesus and walk away from following Jesus in the face of the false teachers and persecutions

Nor should we give up on following Jesus once the events of Jerusalem take place.

We should keep following Jesus until he returns

... always praying for endurance at this time and we should be always praying for God's perfect justice to occur.

For us today

1) Not begging or pestering

2) Prayerful dependence

... we should be regularly and prayerfully trusting in God's final justice.

How does your prayer life reflect this prayerful dependence on the justice of God in the face of those who oppose gospel mission?

3) Ongoing faith

v 8, “when the son of man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

To keep trusting Jesus till the end.

4) Quickly not immediately

... when God brings his justice it will be quickly but it does not say God will bring his justice immediately you pray.

5) Keep praying and trusting

... be people who keep praying and keep trusting