

# Luke's Parables: Food for Thought

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Read Luke 18:1-8.

Jesus promises that justice is coming; that God will not delay much longer. Reckoning for sin and reconciliation with all of creation is on the horizon. The rider on a white horse waits in the wings, holding steady on the reins of judgment. But when He arrives, it will only be triumphant for the faithful who are waiting expectantly. How do we remain watchful, hopeful, trusting in God's promises? How do we stay awake on the eve of eternity?

The very One who will reign down judgment from the throne that awaits Him tells his friends to come into the courtroom day after day after day. Submitting our requests in relationship with God is crucial to build our understanding of three things: the reality and magnitude of what sin has torn from us, our absolute helplessness to make anything right, and the immense power the Judge wields in love to redeem it all. That mounting awareness will turn our chosen hearts towards Jesus as our only hope. Who else is worthy to cry out to when we're bogged down by the weight of this world?

Jesus knew His friends would be tempted to give up, even though they walked with him for three years and witnessed His power and divinity firsthand. How much more do we need to cling to relationship with God, to nurture our seed of faith and come back to Him over and over? We cannot give up.

The church has been called to pray. To enter His presence over and over, pleading for justice and righteousness. We must not lose heart! What doors would open if we went to God on our knees each day in our homes? What chains would break if we gathered together to seek God alongside other members of His body each week? How much more apparent would the Kingdom of God become in our city if we knocked on Heaven's doors unceasingly?

Let's embrace a regular routine of prayer, alone and together. Let's write down our requests and encourage each other by sharing when we see them answered. Let's plead for justice and rejoice in the promise that He will answer us.