

Today's passage is the parable of the unjust judge and the widow. The main lesson of this parable is to pray without losing heart. In fact, the ultimate issue in prayer is faith. That is why in verse 8, the conclusion of this parable on prayer, it says:

"I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

This shows us that the issue of prayer is actually an issue of faith. In order to pray continuously, we need faith in God. What kind of faith is that?

First, believe that God hears your prayers and pray.

There are many times when we experience God's silence as we pray. That's when we grow discouraged.

This parable uses contrast and irony through the unjust judge to reveal God. The Jews in the 1st century, who heard this parable, would have been certain that this judge would not listen to the widow's plea.

That is why verse 7 starts with "And will not God...?" It asks, "Will he not bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night?" God surely hears the prayers of His chosen children.

God loves me. He wants to hear my prayers, and He responds even to my smallest groans. Believe in this and pray.

Second, believe in the Almighty God and pray.

The parable intentionally contrasts a judge with great power and a widow with no power at all. Because the judge acts, her grievance is resolved in a single day. The gap between the power of the widow and the judge is huge—but the gap between our power and God's is far greater.

God is almighty. With just a word, He created the heavens and the earth. There is nothing He cannot do. When we look at our situation and circumstances, we can easily grow discouraged. But the reason we can continue praying without losing heart is because God is almighty.

Third, believe in the good God and pray.

This parable intentionally portrays an evil and unjust judge. In Jesus' time, unjust judges could easily be found anywhere, regardless of the location. Jesus wanted to show us that God is good. Believe that the good God will answer with what is good. Answers to prayer are not always "yes." God is perfect. The best thing is for God's will to be fulfilled in our lives. God never regrets His decisions.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”
(Matthew 7:11)

**Bible
Reading**

6/2(Mon)	6/3(Tue)	6/4(Wed)	6/5(Thur)	6/6(Fri)	6/7(Sat)	6/8(Sun)
2 Chronide 25-27	2 Chronide 28-29	2 Chronide 30-32	2 Chronide 33-34	2 Chronide 35-36, Ezra 1-2	Ezra 3-6	Ezra 7-8

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Quiet Time Passage

6/2(Mon)	6/3(Tue)	6/4(Wed)	6/5(Thur)	6/6(Fri)	6/7(Sat)	6/8(Sun)
Num. 32:16-27	Num. 32:28-42	Num. 33:1-37	Num. 33:38-56	Num. 34:1-15	Num. 34:16-29	Num. 35:1-8

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Please share the grace of God you experienced in your life through last week's sermon or your daily devotion.

2. Share any new realizations or grace you received through today's message.

3. Reflect on whether you have stopped praying out of discouragement, and share the kind of faith you need in order to start praying again. Then pray together.