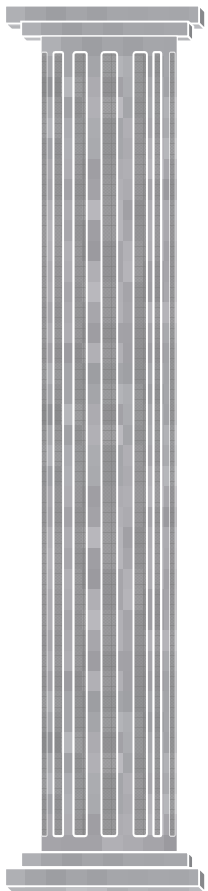


# The Persistent Widow

Luke 18:1-8





# Purpose of the Parable

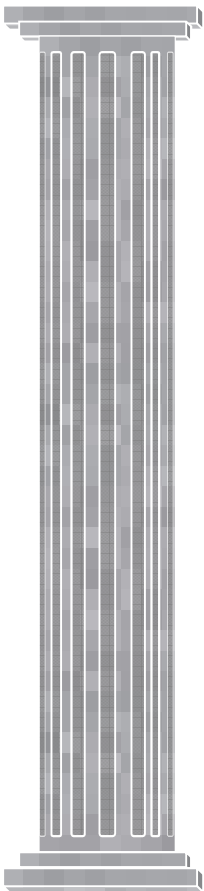
- **Vs. 1, “men always ought to pray and not lose heart”**

– Prayer is to be:

- Convicting
- Consistent
- Persistent
- Never ending
- Devoted



- **Done in FAITH, that God’s will be done.**
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## The Situation



**Vs. 2, An unrighteous judge**

**Vs. 3, A widow-** desolate, w/o influence, alone  
– Exodus 22:22-23, Deut. 27:19, Malachi 3:5

**Vs. 3, Her adversary** (enemy, foe, etc.)

**Vs. 4, Persistently pleads for justice**

**Vs. 5, Responds to her persistence**

– Although, something is missing



# Point of the Parable

- **Vs. 6, Jesus said “Pay attention”**

- *“Hear what the unjust judge said.”*

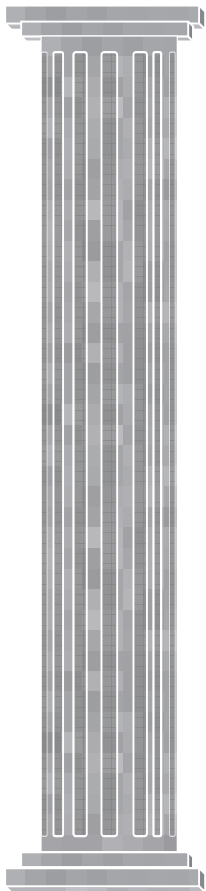
- *“Hear”*, Listen, Understand, Be aware
- Note: His motive, His selfishness, His actions



- **Vs. 7, Jesus’ Key Point**

- *“And shall God not avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?”*

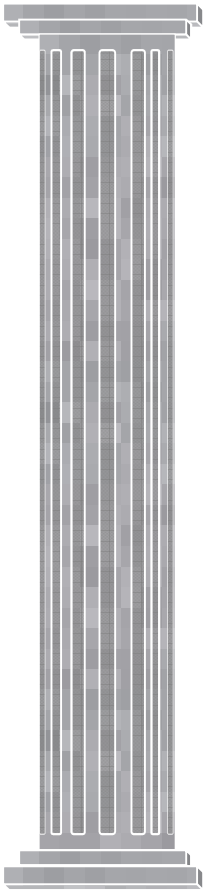
- Impossible for God to neglect his chosen people
- **1 Peter 2:9**, *“a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people”*





# What is the Point?

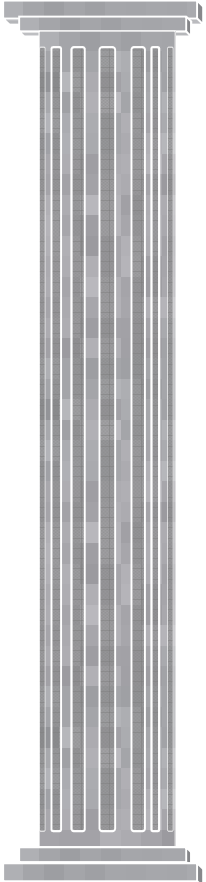

- **Widow had hope in an unjust evil judge**
- **Shouldn't we have a greater hope in God!**
  - **Matthew 6:25-34**, Hear these words again
  - **Luke 18:24-30**, All things possible with God, even salvation
  - **Philippians 4:6-7**, *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus”*





# Another thought

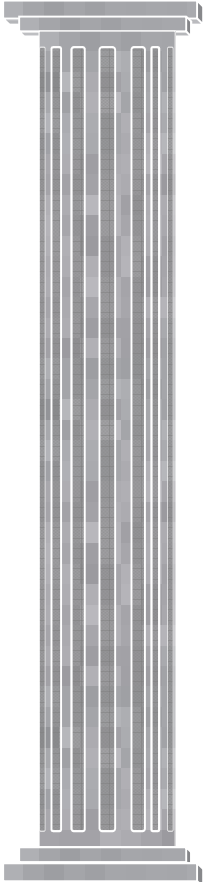

## Connection of Faith and Prayer

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- Parable was to accomplish two things:
    - *“Men ought always to pray, and not to lose heart” (faith)*
  - **1 Thess. 5:17**, *“Pray without ceasing”*
  - **James 5:16**, *“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”*
  - **Ephesians 6:18**, *“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*
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# More on the same thought

## Connection of Faith and Prayer

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- Parable was to accomplish two things:  
*“Men ought always to pray, and not to lose heart”*
  - **Hebrews 11:1**, *Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.”*
  - **Hebrews 11:6**, *“without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.*
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## Conclusion of the Matter

1. Do you always pray (with conviction)?
2. Do you loose heart?
3. Do you pray with FAITH?
4. Do you place limitations on God?



**Be persistent with Faith in Prayer!**

*“Men ought always to pray, and not to lose heart (faith)”, Luke 18:1*

