



The Persistent Widow Luke 18:1-8

Something to Start Us Off

- What is the longest you ever prayed for something before seeing a clear answer to your prayers? And what was that thing?

Something to Notice

- In this story, Luke gives us the lesson right at the start in v. 1. Who wants to read it?
- How does Luke describe the judge in v.2?
- And how did the widow get him to change his mind?

Something to Understand

The method of teaching Jesus is using here was well-known to ancient rabbis. It is called *Qal ve-homer* (light and heavy), or *a fortiori* (from the stronger), or sometimes in English “How much more?”

Also see Deuteronomy 31:24-27 for Moses using the same method of argument. Then see Paul speaking similarly about the Jewish people in Romans 11:23-24.

- How would you compare (or contrast) God to the judge in Jesus’ parable?
- What do you suppose Jesus means by his question at the end in v.8?
- Name one important thing we can all learn from the example of the widow in the parable?

Something to Take Home

- Based on our study of this section of Luke 18, what would you say we absolutely need to know about prayer?
- Is there anything else this look at Luke 18:1-8 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?