

Persevering Prayer

Luke 18:1-8; Luke 11:1-13

What is most valuable if often see most clearly through a contrast.
Two parables about prayer.

- 1. The Parable of the Unjust Judge and the Persistent Widow.
 Luke 18:1-8
“Jesus told them a parable to show that at all time they should pray and not lost heart (give up).”

Two keys: _____ and _____.

The Widow – compare with those who would come to God. v.3

The Judge – contrast the nature of the judge with the nature of God.

v.4-5

God – *If that, then this!*

“Listen to what the unrighteous judge says.” (?) v. 7-8

How are believers to be like the widow?
How is God unlike the unjust judge?

- A final question to apply the parable:
 “When the Son of Man comes, will He find _____ on the earth?”

- 2. The Parable of the Midnight Knocking.

Luke 11:1-13 (5-10)

“One day Jesus was praying... and one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray.’”

The first response: “Father, hallowed by your name.” v.1-4
 “Your kingdom come.”

A follow-up parable: *Knocking on the neighbor’s door at midnight.*

Two keys: _____ and _____.

The Knocking Neighbor - compare with those who would ask of God.

The Sleeping Friend – contrast the neighbor’s response with God’s.

The Result – receiving what was asked for, not because of “friendship”,
 but because of the man’s...

Jesus – *If that, then this!*

”So I say to you... v.9-10

Ask ... seek ... knock.

“And (I say)..

Which of you, if asked by his son, ‘Dad, could I have a fish?’

- A final question to apply the parable: v.13
 “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, _____ will your Father in heaven..”

Persevering in Prayer

- 1. Drawn by the _____ of God.

- 2. Coming in _____.

- 3. Wanting most God’s _____.

