

Luke 18

King James Version (KJV)

18 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; (Don't give up. Don't be impatient)

²Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: (atheist, self-important, corrupt)

³And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. (She is asking for justice)

⁴And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; (He couldn't care less about getting justice for her)

⁵Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. (she weary me = a blow beneath the eye, or black circles around the eyes <in the Greek>) (Even the worthless judge avenged her just to get some peace. She never gave up asking for justice)

⁶And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

⁷And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? 2Peter-3:9 (God is longsuffering – He is patient)

⁸I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? (God, who does love us, will avenge us quickly)

⁹And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: (Holy Joes – self righteous hypocrites)

(Jesus taught everyone who would listen; even these two worthless, rich "holy Joes")

¹⁰Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. (publican = a tax collector – they were despised by people)

¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. (He thanks God that he is better than other people)

¹² I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. (Holier than thou – Too proud for his own good)

¹³ And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. (He humbled himself before God and repented of his sins)

¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. (justified- forgiven by God)

¹⁵ And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. (Jesus was blessing the children. The apostles still don't get it. They think that the children are bothering Jesus)

¹⁶ But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

¹⁷ Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein. (Children are open minded and willing to learn the truth, without prejudice)

¹⁸ And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? (It's written in many places in the Bible. All he had to do was to read it)

¹⁹ And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God.

²⁰ Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. (Jesus left out the 10th, about coveting thy neighbor's property)

²¹ And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.

²² Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. (Get rid of your ill gotten gains)

²³ And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. (This man was rich from ill gotten gains. He broke the 10th commandment. Jesus knew it)

²⁴ And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! (riches – by hook and by crook, not honestly worked for) (Also, being rich creates many temptations, so it is far easier to sin when you have the means and the time)

²⁵ For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. (The needle gate was a narrow gate left open at night in the walled cities. Camels had to be unloaded of their packs in order to get through it. It also protected against attack because only one man could get through at a time)

²⁶ And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved?

²⁷ And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. (Keep God's Word and do it. Repent when you sin and try to do better – Only God can save you)

²⁸ Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee. (They did)

²⁹ And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,

³⁰ Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting. (God rewards now and in the afterlife)

³¹ Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. (Psalms-22, Isaiah-53) (It's time for Jesus to be sacrificed and bring in His Kingdom)

³² For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:

³³ And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again. (Jesus is telling the apostles exactly what is going to happen)

³⁴ And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken. (They still didn't get it)

³⁵ And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging:

³⁶ And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant.

³⁷ And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.

³⁸ And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. (He had faith in Jesus)

³⁹ And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. (The rebukers were going before Jesus. They were acting like judges, making decisions for Jesus. They weren't following Him. They were self-righteous Holy Joes. True followers would have followed Jesus, not gone before Him. God does not need lieutenants)

⁴⁰ And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him,

⁴¹ Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight.

⁴² And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.

⁴³ And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God. (The saved man followed Jesus. Unlike those in verse 39, who went before Jesus, and rebuked the blind man)