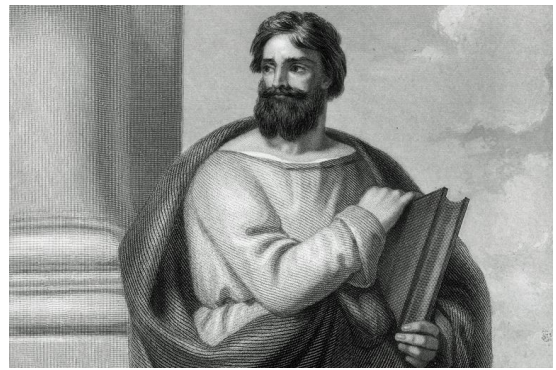


# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE



## LUKE 18

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### THE BOTHERSOME WIDOW (VV. 1-8)

- Is there any connection between Luke 17:22-37 and Luke 18:1-8?
  - Consider 18:8...
- What is the inspired point of this parable?
  - What is Jesus implying discourages us from praying?
  - Have you ever been discouraged in prayer?
- What kind of a man is the judge?
  - Is he concerned about justice?
  - What are judges like this usually motivated by?
- What was the widow asking for?
  - Why do you think a widow is being used in this parable? What do you know about widows in this day and age?
- Why was the judge unwilling to help the widow?
- Why did the unjust judge decide to help the widow?
- Why is Jesus emphasizing what the unjust judge said?
- Contrast the unjust judge and God...
  - Is God just or unjust?
  - Is God concerned or unconcerned about the powerless?
  - "If even an unjust judge will eventually give justice to a persistent plaintiff, will not our good God..."
    - ...gladly hear?
    - ...willingly grant justice?
  - But then there's "and will He delay long over them?"
    - Another translation... (NASB margin) "and yet He is very patient toward them"

- Another translation...(NIV) "Will he keep putting them off?"
- Another translation...(Park's) "and yet He suffers long over them"
- According to 2 Peter 3:9 why would the Lord suffer long to avenge the the evil treatment of His people?
  - But then, what does Jesus mean, when He says, "He will bring about justice for them quickly"?
  - 1 Cor. 15:52 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Rev. 20:9 \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 Thess. 2:8 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Isa. 11:4 \_\_\_\_\_
- How should this effect our prayer life?
- And then, there's this... "However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"
  - What does this mean?

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## **THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN (VV.9-14)**

- What was the point of this parable?
  - What does it mean to trust in yourself that you are righteous?
  - What does it mean to view others with contempt?
- What is the outward difference between these two men?
- How did the Pharisee pray?
  - What does Jesus mean as He says "...was praying this to himself...?"
  - What was the usual posture of prayer that Jesus was assuming?
  - What does the Pharisee compare himself to?
    - What does the Pharisee think of "other men"?
    - What does he think of himself?
    - What does the Pharisee think of the tax gatherer?
    - Summarize this man's character / attitude...
- How does the tax gatherer pray?

- What is his posture?
  - What are his actions?
  - What are his words?
  - Summarize this man's character / attitude...
- Who went home justified in God's eyes?                      Who did not?
    - Why?
- What is the principle Jesus teaches?
  - What is our "take away"?

## **PERMIT THE CHILDREN (VV. 15-17)**

- What do you suppose was the problem of bringing children to Jesus?
- Was Jesus for or against having children come to Him?
- Why did Jesus seem to love the children?
- What is the lesson for everyone who would follow Jesus?

## **THE RICH YOUNG RULER (VV. 18-30)**

- Since this man is a "ruler" what may we assume about him?
- What / who did this man think Jesus was? (What does he call Jesus?)
  - What point is Jesus trying to make with this ruler by asking, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone"?
- What was the ruler asking about?
  - What does Jesus say to initially answer his question?
  - What did the ruler answer?
  - What was Jesus' second answer?
    - Why did Jesus give him such a command?
    - Does this apply to us, too?
- What was the ruler's response?
- What did Jesus say about the ruler's response?
  - "How hard it is for those who are \_\_\_\_\_ to enter the kingdom of God!"

- “It is easier for a \_\_\_\_\_ to go through the eye of a \_\_\_\_\_ than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”
- What was the apostles’ response to this saying?
  - Why?

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## **THE PASSION FORETOLD (VV. 31 - 34)**

- Why do you think that the 12 didn’t understand what Jesus was telling them?
- What lesson is there for us about our understanding of spiritual things?

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## **BARTIMAEUS RECEIVES SIGHT (VV. 35 - 43)**

- Matthew 20:30 tells us there were two blind men; why do you think Mark and Luke only mention Bartimaeus?
- What caused the Bartimaeus to call out?
  - What did Bartimaeus know about Jesus (according to what we can read here)?
  - Was Bartimaeus easily discouraged?
- Why did Jesus ask Bartimaeus what he wanted; didn’t Jesus already know?
  - Why does God command that we ask for things in prayer?
- What does Jesus say gave Bartimaeus his sight?
  - What did Bartimaeus do on the rest of the trip to Jerusalem (where Jesus was going)?
  - Lesson for us?