

## SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

# The Greatest Stories Ever Told

## The Parables Of Jesus

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### Study Schedule Jan/Feb 2021

Date	Topic	Scriptures
1/13/2020	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10: 25-37
1/20/2020	Parable of the Rich Fool	Luke 12: 13-21
1/27/2020	The Rich Man & Lazarus	Luke 16: 19-31
2/3/2020	The Widow & the Judge	Luke 18: 1-8
2/10/2020	The Pharisee & the Tax Collector	Luke 18: 9-14

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## This Week's Lesson – February 3, 2021

### Parables: The Greatest Stories Ever Told

#### Lesson 7:

### The Widow & the Judge

Luke 18: 1-8



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### Introduction to Luke's Gospel

**Author:** Luke, a Gentile Physician wrote Luke and Acts (Luke 1:1-4, Acts 1:1-3)

**Date of Writing:** between A.D. 58 and 65.

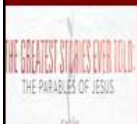
**Purpose of Writing:** Luke intends to demonstrate that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of all.

**Practical Application:**

- Luke About Jesus' parents, His birth His ministry to all and His death and resurrection.
- Luke gives us a portrait of our compassionate Savior and His Ministry to the poor and the needy.
- To Follow Jesus' example of seeing to the needs of others



Luke



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## *What Is A Parable?*

**PARABLE = a story used to illustrate a spiritual lesson or moral (told by Jesus in the Gospels)**

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### *Overview Of Luke 17:20 – 37 - 18:1 – 8*

Jesus Preaches On  
The Coming Kingdom  
Of God.



Jesus Admonishes His  
Disciples On The Need  
For Faith/Prayer



Jesus Tells The  
Parable of the Widow  
And The Judge



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# Read Luke 18: 1-8

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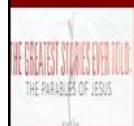
## Luke 18:1 – 4 (NKJV)

**1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,**

**2 saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.**

**3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’**

**4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man,**



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### Luke 18:5 – 8 (NKJV)

5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’ ”

6 Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said.

7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?

8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”



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### Group Discussion: Praying Christians often give up hope. Why?

- **Listening To World:** We Listen More To Opinions Of People Than To The Word
- **Lack Of Faith:** Sometimes We Don't Have To Faith To Believe God Will Do What He Said.
- **Low Expectations:** We Fail To Expect Great Things From Our Great God.
- **Little Or No Results:** When Things Don't Happen As Fast Or In The Way We Want.



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1. The characters in the parable are drawn sketchily but vividly. What images come to mind when you think about the widow?

- **She Is In Despair:** The Widow Is Facing Oppression For An Enemy That Is Greater Than She Is.
- **She is Desperate:** The Widow Sees No Way Out - Other Than Appealing Directly To The King.
- **She is Determined:** She believes This King Has The Power And Authority To Meet Her Need.



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2. What images come to mind when you think about the judge?

- **He Is Unspiritual:** The King Has No Regard Or God's Word, Will Or His Work.
- **He Is Uncaring:** The King Does Not Care About Doing Right Or Good For People.
- **He Unwillingly Practical:** This King Will Only Do Something For Someone Who Is In Need, If There Is Some Benefit To Him.



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### 3. What finally motivates the judge to act (vv. 4 – 5)?

- **Weak Posture:** The Judge had neither regard for God or man – having no place of refuge from such a request and requestor.
- **Woman's Persistence:** Petition: Her Persistence would continue stir up guilt and discomfort to his mind, heart, home, etc.
- **Wanting Peace:** The Judge knew that only way he would experience any peace was to grant her request.



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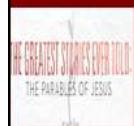
### 4. How would you describe the people and their circumstances that are praying to God (vv. 6 – 8)?

#### **The People:**

- Under God's Hand – They are/We are His elect, His chosen people, His very personal possession.
- Under God's Patience/Protection

#### **The Circumstances:**

- Under Pressure – The People are going through difficult times (oppression from Rome)
- Under Heaven – God sees our affliction, hears our prayers and will answer at the just the right time.



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5. In what ways can we expect God to do far more for those in verse 7 than the judge did for the widow?

- **Compassionately:** God is Our Father Who Loves Us (Even Though We Fail). His Love Motivates Answering Our Prayers.
- **Completely:** God Knows What We Need – Even Before We Ask. He Has The Resources to Provide All Things.
- **Quickly:** While Our Timing May Not Be His, Our God Is Able To Move On Our Behalf, Swiftly.
- **Powerfully:** God Has All Power And Authority – Far Above All Spiritual And Earthly Powers.



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6. How would you explain the uncertainty of his final question in v. 8?

- **Uncertainty Of Persistent Believers:** Committed To Pressing On Despite Persecution And The Problems Of Life.
- **Uncertainty Of Praying Believers:** Believers Who Are Willing To Keep Praying Despite How Things Look.
- **Uncertainty Of Praising Believers:** Committed To Meeting With Fellow Believer To Worship And Praising God.



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## 7. When are we most tempted to give up praying about someone or something?

- **Stresses**: The struggles and trials of life can cause us to be depressed and stop praying.
- **Situations (Unchanging)**: After praying for a long time not seeing results – we maybe tempted to give up.
- **Sin**: When we fall short of God's glory our prayers seem hindered.
- **Satan**: He does everything he can to hinder our prayers. Prayer however is one the Weapons God has given us to defat him.



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## 8. How can this parable encourage you to keep on praying?

- Pray Because Jesus Commanded You To
- Pray Because God Glorifies Himself Through Our Prayers.
- Pray Because God Works Through Prayer For Your Joy
- Pray Because That's How God Strengthens You To Keep Going
- Pray Because God Gives Good Gifts To Those Who Pray.



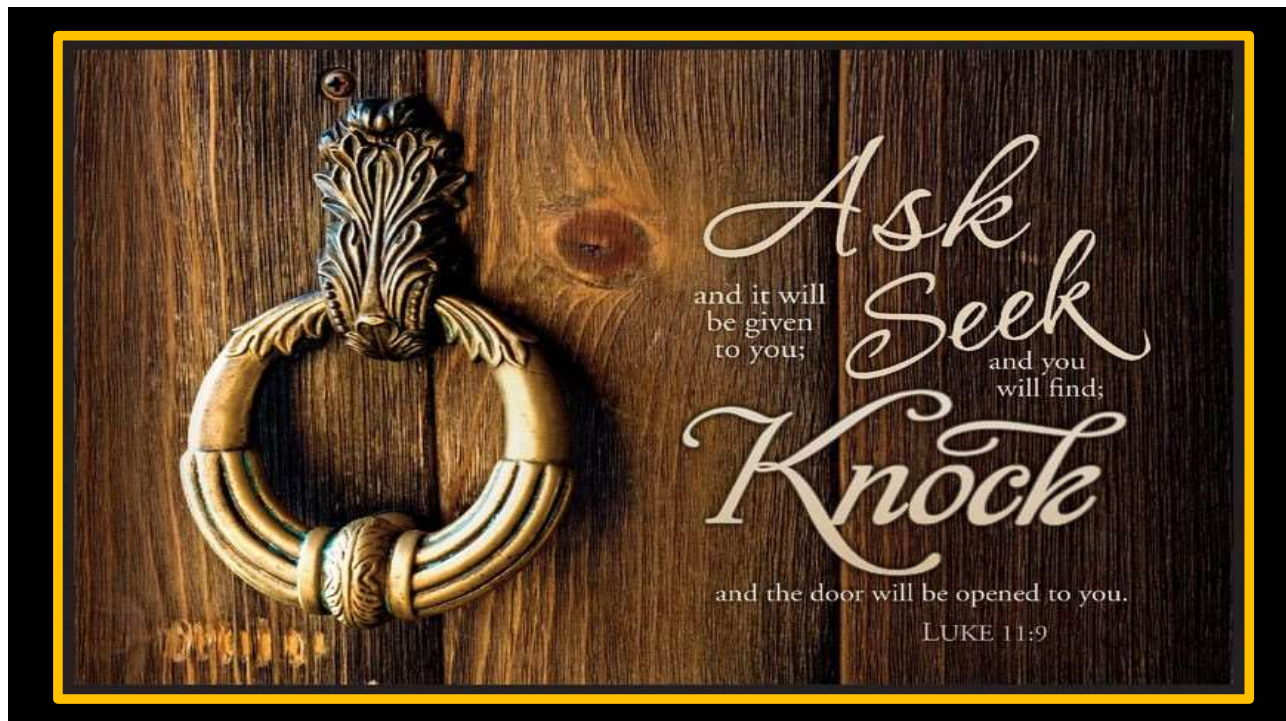
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## Keys For Living

- God sometimes delays our answers to prayer in order to increase our faith and grow our character.
- Jesus commands us to continue to pray no matter how long it may seem to take for God to answer.
- Jesus is looking for believers that He can reward and bless who have the faith to persist in prayer and the work of the Lord.



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