

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Jesus is on His final trip from Galilee to Jerusalem. He has been ministering to, and teaching, the multitudes as He traveled. He took a side trip through Samaria and then is making His way back down toward the Jordan River in order to pass through Jericho.
- \* Last week, we saw Jesus address the question of the Pharisees regarding when the Kingdom of God would come. He told them that the Kingdom of God ultimately does not come with observation but rather God reigns in the hearts of individuals. Jesus then turned to present instruction to His disciples regarding some of the details of His return.
- \* It is good to remember that there were no chapter breaks when Luke wrote. This parable of "The Persistent Widow" is given by Jesus to His disciples directly following this instruction regarding His Spiritual Reign in the hearts of individuals and His Return to Physically Reign on the earth over the nations.

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE PURPOSE (v. 1)****A. That Men Ought to P\_\_\_\_\_**

- \* cf. Luke 17:25; 19:5; 21:9; 22:7, 37; 24:7, 26, 44, 46
- \* cf. Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2-3; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Romans 12:9-12; Acts 1:14; 2:41-43; 12:5; 16:25

**B. That Men Ought to N\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Galatians 6:9; 2 Thessalonians 3:13)****II. THE PLOT****A. The P\_\_\_\_\_ of the W\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3)****B. The R\_\_\_\_\_ of the J\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2, 4-5; cf. James 3:13-18)**

1. HIS I\_\_\_\_\_ R\_\_\_\_\_

2. HIS E\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_

**III. THE PRECEPTS****A. The Justice of God (v. 6-8a)**

## 1. THE J\_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD

- \* cf. Psalm 9:7-8; Psalm 96:10,13; Psalm 98:9; Isaiah 11:4-5; Acts 17:30-31; Romans 2:5-6; Revelation 20:12-13

## 2. THE L\_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD

- a. Regarding The C\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Revelation 6:9-11)
- b. Regarding The R\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. 1 Corinthians 13:4; Gal 5:22-23; 2 Peter 3:9-15; Romans 2:3-4; 1 Timothy 1:16)

**B. The Faith of Man (v. 8b)**

## 1. THE C\_\_\_\_\_

## 2. THE Q\_\_\_\_\_

- \* cf. Mark 9:22-24; Matthew 21:21-22; James 1:5-8; James 5:13-18; 1 John 5:14-15; 1 Timothy 2:8
- \* cf. Acts 4:31; Luke 22:40-46; 1 Peter 4:7
- \* cf. Romans 8:26

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* How would you describe your prayer life? How would God describe it?
- \* For what are you - by faith - asking God?
- \* Do you believe that God is good and longsuffering not willing that any should perish?
- \* Is that your desire too?
- \* Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* How do we find the proper balance between persistence and nagging in presenting our requests before God?