

The Waiting Room  
Luke 18:1-8

- I. While You Wait v.1
  - a. At All Times
    - i. For “always” cf. **1 Thess 5:17**. The idea is of continual prayer, not continuous, nonstop prayer. In light of the context in Luke 17:22–37, the content of this prayer is no doubt
  - b. Pray
    - i. “Your kingdom come” (11:2; cf. also 21:36). Because of the delay in the consummation of the kingdom.
  - c. Not Lose Heart
    - i. Do not give up in your endurance and suffering with opposition
    - ii. In Parousia- ‘Parousia’: the coming of the Son of man and the Kingdom of God, the last judgment, and the resurrection of the dead.<sup>1</sup>
- II. Keep Coming
  - a. Unrighteous Judge
    - i. Did not fear God
      - 1. Does not take the judgment of God seriously
      - 2. Was not a just man
    - ii. Did not Respect Man
    - iii. He would continually reject her request v.4
  - b. Widow
    - i. Did not have protection
      - 1. needy and helpless person (La. 1:1; Ex. 22:22–24; Ps. 68:5 (67:6); Jas. 1:27<sup>2</sup>
    - ii. Did not have resources
    - iii. She kept coming
      - 1. Give me what I need
      - 2. Legal Protection from Opponent
        - a. **to procure justice for someone, grant justice**
  - c. Her persistence pays v.5
    - i. Her persistence is the cause not the case against the opponent
    - ii. She wore him out- He feared his persistence would lead him to being bad name “black eye”
- III. God will Bring Justice
  - a. The Elect Cry

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<sup>1</sup> Paul J. Achtemeier, Harper & Row and Society of Biblical Literature, [\*Harper’s Bible Dictionary\*](#) (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1985), 751.

<sup>2</sup> I. Howard Marshall, [\*The Gospel of Luke: A Commentary on the Greek Text\*](#), New International Greek Testament Commentary (Exeter: Paternoster Press, 1978), 672.

- i. The Elect - **to being selected, chosen** gener<sup>3</sup>. of those whom God has chosen fr<sup>4</sup>. the generality of mankind and drawn to himself **Mt 20:16**<sup>5</sup> Matt 24:22; Rom 8:33
  - ii. Cry- of pleading petitions or anguished outcries
    - 1. The elect cry to God night and day, but he puts their patience to the test by not answering them immediately
  - iii. Day and Night – Continuously and Persistently
- b. He will bring justice with Delay
  - i. Justice- what is right- *justice by upholding the innocent and punishing the guilty*
  - ii. Delay - Delay- 2 Peter 3:9- God delays taking vengeance on behalf of his people, not through indifference, but through patient forbearance<sup>6</sup>
- c. Don't Lose Faith **Luke 16:1-13**
  - i. The question as a whole presupposes a time of tribulation for the disciples in which they may be tempted to give up faith because their prayers are not answered. Thus an interval before the parousia is presupposed, but the sense of imminent expectation is not abandoned.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>gener. **gener.** = generally

<sup>4</sup>fr. **fr.** = from

<sup>5</sup> William Arndt, Frederick W. Danker, and Walter Bauer, [\*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature\*](#) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 306.

<sup>6</sup> A.T. Robertson, [\*Word Pictures in the New Testament\*](#) (Nashville, TN: Broadman Press, 1933), Lk 18:7.

<sup>7</sup> I. Howard Marshall, [\*The Gospel of Luke: A Commentary on the Greek Text\*](#), New International Greek Testament Commentary (Exeter: Paternoster Press, 1978), 672–677.