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Remember, a parable is a common life experience used to illustrate an eternal truth; this parable is about the passion of prayer, and fervently praying.

¹ Now He told them a parable that they should always pray, and not grow weary / the word is **ekkakeo** between Paul and Luke it is used 6 times in the NT

The objective of the parable is...to know God's ears are always attuned to them.

² Saying, There was in a city a judge, who did not fear God / okay! And you can almost hear those in the crowd starting to laugh, right? Not a surprise. On the first page of Proverbs... we read, **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge**. It has always been interesting to me that 2 of the Psalms... **Psalms 14** and **Psalms 53**... are almost identical. And since Psalms are supposed to be sung, Let's sing the first verse:

The fool has said in his heart there is no God... Come on! Come on! Join me! The fool has said in his heart... there is no God. It sounds like the song of a moron, doesn't it?

so Jesus is telling us about... a fool:

There was in a city a judge, who did not fear God, nor regarded man / huh? So, he's not afraid of God; and had no respect for man or woman. Things don't change much, do they? It reminds me of **a close friend who was court ordered... to pay her tithes and offerings to her husband!** What!? I bet those judges were related; just maybe, they are the missing links science has been looking for:

But let's go on...

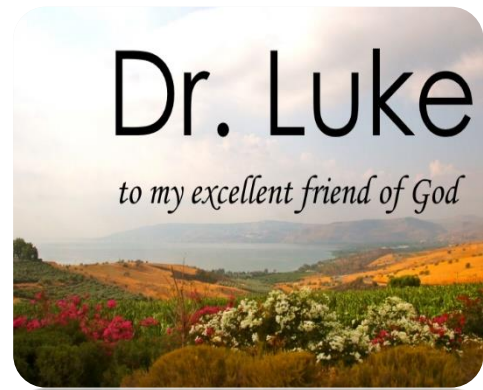
³ And there was a widow in that city; and she came to this fool of a judge / this royal jackass!

saying, **Avenge me of my adversary** / the word is: **ekdikeo**... give me what is right, from those who want to do me wrong.

⁴ And he would not, for a while / this hard head, arrogant fool of a judge, was not willing to adjudicate her case for a while,

but afterward he said to himself, **though I do not fear God, and do not respect man** / even though I'm not afraid of God, and don't respect anyone;

⁵ Yet because this widow troubles me, I will avenge her, / she works to weary me; she wears me down; and we know, women are wired to labor through pain, aren't they?



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lest by her continual coming she weary me / that word is: **hupopiazō**. It's sort of funny; it means... to beat black and blue! Apparently, the judge is concerned for his personal safety... that she might pop him in the eye; or punch him in the nose.

6 And the Lord said,

Hear what the unjust judge said / learn from that fool of a judge; did you hear what that guy said?

7 And will not God avenge His own chosen people / the righteous Judge of all creation; will He not do good and right to His own chosen; His **eklektos**. **It is used last in Revelation 17**, speaking of the called, and chosen, and faithful,

who cry out day and night to Him / and that's not bawling and whining; but who raise their voice. Like John the Baptist ... crying in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord; like the blind man cried out, Son of David, save me,

though He patiently bear long with them? / this word is: **makrothumeō**. Paul says, love suffers patiently... same word! Peter says, The Lord is not slow to return; He is longsuffering; not wanting any to perish. **Romans 5** says, we glory -- we boast... in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation works patient endurance... and endurance, toughness; and toughness, hope. And hope makes not ashamed. That we might reign in life -- **this life... now!** **By the one, Jesus Christ.**

Romans 8:18 says, for the sufferings of this present time, are not to be compared with the glory, which will be revealed to us. that we abound in love one to another; and toward all... to the end, that He may establish your hearts, set apart for God our Father at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 2 says, for both He that sets apart; and they who are set apart; are all of one. For which cause, He is not ashamed to call them brethren. God our Father wants His adopted kids to grow up a little, here and now! Apparently, He does not want heaven populated with a bunch of bottle-sucking babies!

8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily / He will do good to them quickly.

However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth? / that word: **find** is interesting. Jesus said, Seek and continue seeking, and you will find. When He was hungry, He found a fig tree with leaves... fluttering in the breeze, but no fruit. **That word is last used in Revelation 20** where we read... whoever was not found written in the Book of Life.

Jesus asks will He find faith when He returns? I'm sure He will find lots of things... goofy things... unnecessary things; but, without acting in faith every day... acting on what the Lord has already promised; **without faith... we have no power to please God.**

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