

### Parable of the unjust judge

#### **Luke 18:1-8**

- (1) He also spoke a parable to them that they must always pray, and not give up,
- (2) saying, “There was a judge in a certain city who didn’t fear God, and didn’t respect man.
- (3) A widow was in that city, and she often came to him, saying, ‘Defend me from my adversary!’
- (4) He wouldn’t for a while, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God, nor respect man,
- (5) yet because this widow bothers me, I will defend her, or else she will wear me out by her continual coming.’”
- (6) The Lord said, “Listen to what the unrighteous judge says.
- (7) Won’t God avenge his chosen ones, who are crying out to him day and night, and yet he exercises patience with them?
- (8) I tell you that he will avenge them quickly. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

### Parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector

#### **Luke 18:9-14**

- (9) He spoke also this parable to certain people who were convinced of their own righteousness, and who despised all others.
- (10) “Two men went up into the temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector.
- (11) The Pharisee stood and prayed to himself like this: ‘God, I thank you, that I am not like the rest of men, extortioners, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.
- (12) I fast twice a week. I give tithes of all that I get.’
- (13) But the tax collector, standing far away, wouldn’t even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’
- (14) I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”