

PRAYER

Intro. Note connection with context and arg. After healing of lepers Phar questioned concn kgdom, 17:20. Told them about kgdom and what to do in meantime.

Prayer in view of future. 2 parables; 2 principles.

I. Prayer should be Persistent, 1-8.

A. The Instruction, 1.

Pray always so not faint. Lose heart. Meaning ranges from cowardice to not weary. Not being fainthearted depends on always praying. Hacking cough. Eph 6:18.

B. The Illustration, 2-5.

1. The judge. Unjust in cf loving father, 18:6-7. That only of self. God thinks of us.

2. The woman. Widow--need.

Persistent and this is what won the answer for her.

C. The Intention, 6-8.

To make us answer 2 questions.

1. Won't God avenge His elect if this judge did so for woman? Answer, yes. We know He does and will.

2. Will you have that kind of faith so that when X comes (cf whole context) He'll find such on the earth? Most won't, cf 17:26-29. Even only a few Xns will have it. Will you be one of them. Faith to believe God will answer in His way and His time. This is in light of coming like 1 Cor 15:58. Shouldn't grow less zealous in His work but more. And prayer is most important part of Lord's work. Even if don't see answers don't lose heart and by all means don't try to answer them yourself.

Illus with Morell money. And discouragement and letter.

II. Prayer should be Penitent, 9-14.