

# The Parables Of Jesus

## Lesson 9

### The Parable Of The Friend At Midnight (Lk. 11:5-8) The Parable Of The Persistent Widow (Lk. 18:1-5)

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#### *Where & When:*

- *The Friend At Midnight Parable* => during *The Judean Ministry*...6 months to crucifixion
- *The Persistent Widow Parable* => after the close of *The Perea Ministry*
  - It is approximately 3 months to crucifixion
  - It is told on Jesus' final ascent to Jerusalem

#### *Occasion Producing The Parable:*

- *The Friend At Midnight Parable* (Lk. 11:1-4)
  - Jesus was praying (v. 1a)
  - His disciples asked Him to teach them to pray as John had taught his disciples (v. 1b)
  - Jesus gave His disciples a model prayer (vv. 2-4)
- *The Persistent Widow Parable* (Lk. 18:1)
  - Jesus teaches His disciples about prayer so that they might not lose heart

#### *Questions:*

- 1) Briefly summarize *The Parable Of The Friend At Midnight* (Lk. 11:5-8).
- 2) What will not be the reason for the friend getting what he wants? Why will he be successful?
- 3) Briefly summarize *The Parable Of The Persistent Widow* (Lk. 18:1-5).
- 4) Was such a "corrupt" judge an uncommon thing to find in Israel? (cp. Isa. 1:21-23) There would only be 3 ways to move such a judge: intimidation, bribery, or persistence. Which "method" obviously fits the parable and why?

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- 5) Other than a character having some need, what other "character" is common to both parables?
  
- 6) Against Whom do we compare the answer to the previous question? *[Important to understand]*
  
- 7) What is the application to be made when studying these 2 parables together? Consider **Lk. 11:9-13** and **18:6-8** in your answer.
  
- 8) God gives "good gifts" to all (**Acts 17:25; Jas. 1:5**). How do we know these "gifts" do not represent whatever we want? Consider the following in your answer: **2 Cor. 12:7-10; Jas. 1:6; 1 Jn. 5:14-15**.
  
- 9) What obviously is taught about our "asking?" (**Lk. 11:9; cp. Psa. 119:2, 10; Mt. 6:33**)
  
- 10) What is the main lesson to be learned from these 2 short parables?