



## We Need to Pray *Series*

*(Phil. 4:4-7)*

### We Need Persistence Prayer *(Part 1)*

*(Luke 18:1-8)*

- I. The purpose of the parable “*to this end*” was to pray “always” and not faint.
  - A. The widow wearied the judge coming to him continuously. Her persistence paid off.
  - B. God will avenge His own elect who cry “day and night” unto him.
  - C. Will God find faith (persistence faith) on the earth?
  - D. We are to pray without ceasing. *(1 The. 5:16-19; Rom. 12:12; Eph. 6:18)*
  - E. “It is not enough to begin to pray, nor to pray aright; nor is it enough to continue for a time to pray; but we must patiently, believably, continue in prayer until we obtain an answer; and further we have not only to continue in prayer unto the end, but we have also to believe that God does hear us, and will answer our prayers. Most frequently we fail in not continuing in prayer until the blessing is obtained, and in not expecting the blessing.” — **George Müller**
  - F. We need to **PUSH!!! Pray Until Something Happens!!!**
- II. We need to pray with importunity—persistent in our requests.
  - A. *Read Luke 11:1, 5-10 (Mat. 7:7-8)*
  - B. *Read Mat. 26:36-46 (Mark 14:32-40)*
- III. If God knows everything, and everything about everyone, and knows all the needs about everything and everyone; then why do we need to ask Him to meet the needs?



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- A. "Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth. **God does nothing but in answer to prayer.**" - *John Wesley*
- B. Satan is the God of this world. *(2 Cor. 4:4; John 12:31; John 14:30; Eph. 2:2)*
  - a. Prince - (*archōn*) chief ruler or magistrate
- C. When Adam sinned, he ceded his authority to Satan.
  - a. Man was given authority to rule the earth. *(Gen. 1:26-28; Psa. 8:4-6; Psa. 115:16)*
  - b. Satan was given authority when Adam submitted to him. *(Gen. 3:1-8; Luke 4:1-8)*
  - c. Satan has power, but we have been given power over all our enemies. *(Luke 10:19)*
- IV. We must ask God's intervention by prayer.
  - A. Ye have not, but we ask not. *(Jam. 4:2-3)*
  - B. Ask and it shall be given. *(Mat. 7:7-8)*
  - C. If we abide in Him and His word abide in us, we can ask and receive what we need. *(John 15:7)*
  - D. Daniel had to pray for the release of the Hebrews from Babylon, even after the allotted time of their captivity had passed. *(Dan. Chapter 9)*
  - E. God encouraged the watchmen to not stop beseeching Him until "Jerusalem becomes a praise and blessing to the world." *(Isa. 62:6-7)*



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- F. God said, "if my people...humble themselves and pray..." God would heal their land. The land's healing was conditional upon God's people humbling themselves and praying. *(2 Chr. 7:14)*
- V. God told His people "I *am* the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it." *(Psa. 81:10)*
- A. Let us do the same!
- VI. Let's give God no rest until He make Berean, Milwaukee, and Germantown a praise in the earth! *(Isa. 62:1-7)*