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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Luke 18:1-14

In the parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8), Jesus tells a story about a woman who demands recompense for the wrongs committed against her. We are assured that God is a caring judge who is committed to seeing that justice is done on behalf of His children. But this is not the point of the parable. Rather, Luke tells us that Jesus wanted to communicate something important about how we relate to God. "Jesus told His disciples [this] parable *to show them that they should always pray and not give up*" (Luke 18:1, emphasis added).

We want justice. God wants relationship. We are not meant to have one without the other. Jesus tells us that justice is given to those "who cry out to God day and night." It is God who determines what is just; God weighs the evidence, God renders the verdict, and God metes out the sentence. Our role is simply to keep coming to Him daily with our petitions and requests, and to trust Him to know what to do with them.

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