

The Unjust Judge | The Parables

WEEK EIGHT | PASTOR BOB JOHNSTON

Luke 18:1-14

This primary audience for this Parable is disciples.

Quick Observations

- ◇ The coming of the Lord's Kingdom is not going to be immediate (Acts 1:6)
- ◇ Some difficult days are coming before the 2nd coming of Jesus.
- ◇ Real danger of believers giving up, losing heart (Luke 18:8)
- ◇ There will be no real, complete, ultimate justice until Jesus returns.
- ◇ The comparison of character between God and the unjust judge.

The Unjust Judge

- ◇ Wicked man, uncaring, no compassion.
- ◇ Selfish, only acted out of self-interest.

God

- ◇ God is good, caring, full of compassion.
- ◇ God is righteous and just to all.

The Pharisee's Prayer

- ◇ The Pharisee compared himself with others not the scriptures.
- ◇ Approached God, without regard for God's holiness.

The Tax Collector's Prayer

- ◇ The tax collector judges himself against the standard of the scripture not others.
- ◇ Humble, honest and sincere in his repentance.

QUOTE

It's the character of God that is our motivation not to give up or lose heart in prayer. We can be persistent because of God's character. His Kingdom will bring justice to all.

TAKEAWAY

These parables teach us that:

- ◇ According to Jesus no man is too sinful to be saved, only too righteous.
- ◇ Persistence based on the character of God (vv. 1-8)
- ◇ Humility and repentance based on our character. (vv. 9-14)