

Weekly Word
Readings for the week of Oct 16/22

Marion Victory

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

I love the gospel reading for this week. I'm intrigued by the unjust judge, who didn't fear God or regard man. Yet because of this widow's persistence he intervened and avenged her. She wasn't going to let up. Just like the friend who came knocking at midnight, (another parable of Jesus earlier in Luke), she was relentless!

In both of these parables Jesus is teaching us on prayer.

We're not told the widow's situation but, we are told she needed a mediator.

In verse 7 Jesus says, "And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?"

Then He says in verse 8, "I tell you that He **will** avenge them speedily. **Nevertheless**, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"

Faith is, of course, a part of prayer. I remember a song sung by John Starnes many years ago with a line in it that said; Prayer is the key to Heaven but, faith unlocks the door. How true is that!

The Word tells us that God has given us each a measure of faith and the fact that we even go to Him in prayer, whether it be with great eloquence or childlikeness, faith is a factor or we wouldn't come to Him at all.

I believe yes, He will find faith on the earth. In some it will be great, in some it will be a mustard seed. But, those who believe on the LORD Jesus Christ and have committed their lives to Him will have a faith of some size.

Don't give up on praying for your family, for lost loved ones, for the needed job, for your health, or for your finances. The Word today tells us God hears! He will respond to all measures of faith! Great or small!