

Message: The Parable of the persistent widow

Text: Hebrew 12 verse 2

Bible Passage: Luke 18 verses. 1- 8 and Matthew 25 verses 1- 13

The Lord is looking for believers who are not moved by what they see, who are determined to wait on the Lord and those who are focussed, this will lead us to our teaching which is titled the parable of the persistent widow. In Luke 18 verses 1- 8, Jesus told his disciples a parable about having faith, been persistent and he concluded saying when the son of man shall come will he find faith on earth. In the parable Jesus was the judge while the persistent widow was a believer. Jesus knew the heart of men from the beginning and encouraged them using the parable.

There are some lessons the Lord is teaching the present day believers about this parable which are

- We should believe only in him as the sure solution giver
- We should be persistent with our desire and request whenever we come unto him in prayer
- We should never be discouraged or distracted
- We ought to understand the power of effective prayer

Jesus is looking for believers to take with him on his second coming who:-

- Can pray without ceasing
- Can demonstrate their faith in the presence of opposition
- Those who have refused to look elsewhere for help but only on Jesus
- True worshippers, those who have determined to serve God come rain or sunshine
- The true or the wise virgins those who are ready for the coming of the bridegroom, not those who are just coming to church without mission , vision or goal but those who have oil in their lamp and who are prepared and ready for the coming of the bridegroom.

In the case of the widow her oil was her faith, can Jesus count on you as a faithful servant who will demonstrate that Jesus will surely answer and Jesus will surely come back.

The present gathering called a church is suffering because believers have no understanding:

- Of who Jesus is
- Or not sure if Jesus can and will answer their prayers
- If Jesus is actually coming back for the saint
- Of what is a church, they believe that a church is just a place to go whenever they have problems and when the problems are not solved at their own time, they change god and go elsewhere, it explains why we have many who are giving testimonies which was not given by God in the house of God, Some have gone to the waters, village shrines some as far to sleeping in the graveyard to collect power and in turn coming to church to say the Lord has done it.

What must we do?

- Have genuine salvation
- Learn more about Jesus, daily read and study the Bible
- Walk with Jesus daily in prayers, hymns and Psalms
- Pray always without ceasing

Prayer

1. Father Lord I thank you for you alone has the power to give and increase faith, accept my thanks as your chosen one in the name of Jesus
2. Lord I pray thee increase my faith in your word and power in the name of Jesus
3. Faith killing thoughts in my life the Lord destroy you by his word in the name of Jesus
4. Lord place me in a place where I will hear the word that will increase my faith in the name of Jesus
5. Those using problems and sickness to test my faith shall be disappointed in the name of Jesus
6. Holy Ghost give me the ability to be faithful with my prayer life in the name of Jesus
7. Lord empower me not to faint while waiting on the Lord in the name of Jesus
8. I shall not turn back at the edge of my breakthrough in the name of Jesus
9. Arrows of the wicked fired to hijack my salvation be broken to pieces and thrown in the lake of fire in the name of Jesus
10. Agenda of the wicked to cause me pain because of my faith in God be frustrated in the name of Jesus
11. Lord Jesus when you shall come back, let my lamp be with oil in the name of Jesus
12. Distraction and worldliness buried inside of my foundation to destroy my worship with God, finger of the Lord uproot them in the name of Jesus
13. My labour and service in the vineyard of the Lord shall not end in hell fire in the name of Jesus
14. Fire for Pentecostal revival come upon me and my home in the name of Jesus
15. Powers waiting at the gate of heaven to contest for my soul the Lord rebuke you in the name of Jesus
16. Filthy garments upon my ministry that Satan will use against me on the day of Judgement, fire of the Lord burn them to ashes and cloth me with a new garment of honour in the name of Jesus
17. Those mocking as a believer shall witness God been glorified in my life in the name of Jesus
18. Lord Jesus remember me in your kingdom in the name of Jesus
19. Father Lord help me to be conscious of heaven and sin in the name of Jesus
20. My Father when the roll is called on the last day let my name be there in the name of Jesus
21. Whatever I shall do that will make God to replace me, Father Lord have mercy and deliver me from such in the name of Jesus
22. My body shall not be used as an instrument of my destruction in the name of Jesus
23. Holy Ghost daily fill and overflow through me in the name of Jesus
24. I refused to bow to my problems, my problems shall bow to the name of God in prayer in the name of Jesus
25. Father daily increase in me and let the desire of the world decrease in me in the name of Jesus