

## St James News: Thought for the day – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### How persistent are you in your prayers? – Rev John Ohen

Bible Passage: Luke 18.1– 8.

When we want something or desire something strongly, our mind tend to be more persistent in wanting it to happen. Most of us want something from God, and that is one of the reasons why we should pray more often or to be more persistent in our prayers. We have no shortages of needs, either desires, requests, there are times when we become desperate for God's intervention. It can be in sickness or when we are in danger or when we are in some other kind of need. Sometimes we become extremely low and need God's help. What else can we do but to go down on our knees and call / cry out to our God for help?

Jesus encouraged us to pray, he said that we need to be persistent in prayer. The logic that if an unscrupulous and dishonest judge relents in face of tenacious requests of a widow, how much more our Heavenly Father, to hear the prayer of those who call upon him day and night.

Could this parable have a different or deeper message for us? To help us in our spiritual battle that only God can provide us with the Sword of the Holy Spirit to win any spiritual battle, as in (Eph. 6: 17). We know that God is the opposite of an unjust judge, because he is our merciful and loving Father, and if we pray, he will hear and answer our prayers. So, this parable encourages us to pray persistently.

The parable at a deeper level, is also about praying for the return or the Second coming of Christ. For when we pray for the return of Christ, we are praying for God's justice to be established in our world. This can only be achieved fully, when Jesus comes again in glory. So, brothers and sisters let us cry out to God day and night with all our needs in spirit and in truth. Amen.

Prayer: Lord we pray that when you return in glory, you will find faith in us who long for God's justice and righteousness to prevail forever and ever.AMEN.

Song: Take my life and let it be. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gf11rReeWIs>