



Synopsis

A snapshot of the chapter

Included in the teaching of the eighteenth chapter of Luke are a series of two parables on prayer and a prophecy of Jesus' death in Jerusalem. These special discussions follow the things Jesus had said in the preceding chapter about coming judgment upon the nation. They are designed to bring comfort by the rhetorical conclusion, "Will not God avenge His own elect...when the Son of Man comes?" These messages offer wisdom and understanding to those who would prepare for judgment. Jesus first called upon the righteous to pray, persistently and humbly, in view of these coming events. Of course, His messages provide great instruction for mankind in many other circumstances in all centuries and generations.

Observation—What do you see?

Important Person(s):

Main Event(s):

Study Questions:

1. *Why does Jesus say men ought always to pray and not lose heart?*
2. *What is the message to me in the story of the Pharisee and tax collector?*
3. *How do you think one receives the kingdom "like a little child?"*
4. *Was Jesus saying He was not good in verse 19? What did He mean?*
5. *What did Jesus mean when he said "It is harder for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God?"*

Questions:

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- 2.
- 3.