

# LUKE 18



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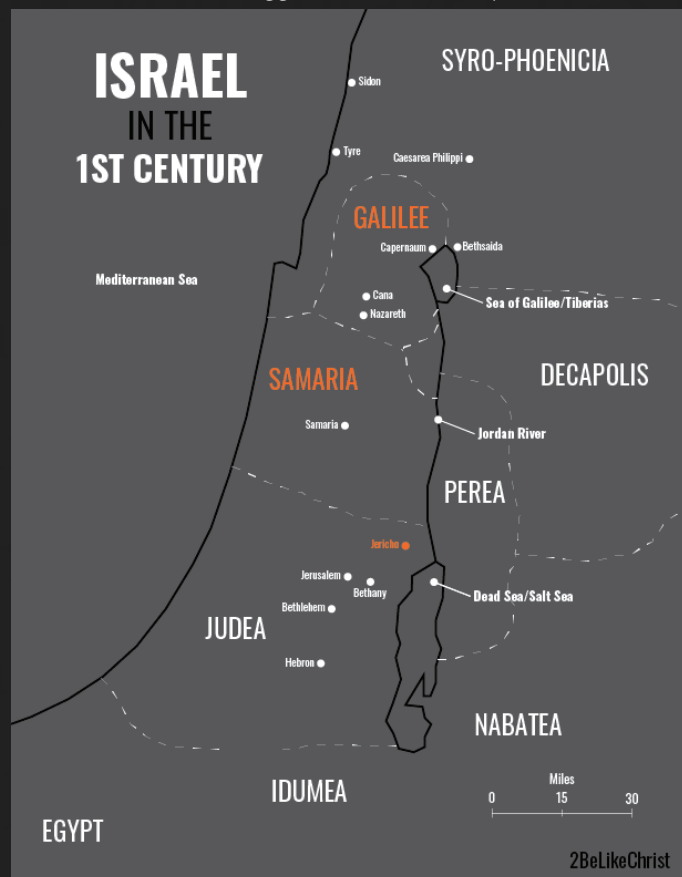
- The events of chapter 18 were part of Jesus' ministry on earth.
- These events took place approximately 30-33 A.D..

## CHARACTERS:

- **Jesus** - The Son of God.
- **Unjust Judge** - A character in one of Jesus' parables designed to teach the people about prayer.
- **Pharisee and Tax Collector** - Characters used by Jesus to teach about self-righteousness.
- **Rich Young Ruler** - A rich man who approached Jesus to ask, "...what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
- **Blind Beggar** - A man healed of blindness by Jesus outside the city of Jericho.

## WHERE:

- Jesus was travelling to Jerusalem. In chapter 17, He passed between Samaria and Galilee (17:11-12).
- Jesus met a blind beggar outside the city of Jericho (18:35).



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## OVERVIEW:

- THE PARABLE OF THE WIDOW AND THE JUDGE (18:1-8):
  - + Jesus told His disciples a parable to teach them to pray and not lose heart.
  - + A persistent widow continually asked an ungodly judge to give her justice.
  - + Eventually, he granted the woman's request because he was annoyed with her persistence.
  - + If an unjust judge can be compelled to grant a request, how much more willing must a loving God be to answer the prayers of those He loves?
- THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR (18:9-14):
  - + This parable was directed at those who were self-righteous.
  - + A Pharisee was in the Temple praying about how he wasn't as sinful as other men.
  - + A tax collector was in the Temple asking God to forgive him for his sins.
  - + Of the two men, Jesus said the tax collector was the one who was "justified."
- JESUS WELCOMES LITTLE CHILDREN AND BLESSES THEM (18:15-17):
- THE RICH YOUNG RULER (18:18-30):
  - + A rich man came to Jesus and asked Him what he needed to do to inherit eternal life.
  - + Jesus told him to sell his possessions and give them to the poor.
  - + The rich man wasn't willing to obey Jesus' instruction because he loved his riches.
  - + Jesus warned the people about the dangerous impact riches could have on the soul.
- JESUS FORETELLS HIS DEATH (18:31-34):
  - + Jesus informed His 12 Apostles about His upcoming arrest and murder.
  - + The Apostles couldn't comprehend the idea that the Messiah would be killed.
- THE HEALING OF A BLIND BEGGAR (18:35-43):
  - + As Jesus was near Jericho, a blind beggar started yelling for Him to come and heal him.
  - + The crowd tried to stop the man from yelling but he was determined to get Jesus' attention.
  - + Jesus noticed the man and "commanded him to be brought to Him."
  - + Jesus healed the man, saying, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well."

## BIG PICTURE:

- In chapter 18, Jesus was nearing the end of His life on earth.
- He already knew the fate (crucifixion) that awaited Him in Jerusalem.
- Rather than run away from the cross, Jesus was determined to complete God's plan and sacrifice Himself for sin.

## TAKEAWAYS:

- There are things that are more important than preserving our lives.
- Accomplishing God's redeeming plan was more important to Jesus than protecting Himself from harm.
- He lived that way because He knew there was a resurrection on the other side of His pain.
- Being a part of God's eternal work should be more important to us than protecting ourselves from harm.
- We can live that way because we are confident there is a resurrection on the other side of our pain.