**Monday Evening Bible Study**

**October 10, 2022**

**Luke 18:1-8**

**Brief Outline of the Gospel of Luke**

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| Luke 1:1-4 Prologue | **Luke 9:51-19:27 Jesus’ Ministry as He Journeys to Jerusalem** |  |
| Luke 1:5-2:40 The Births of John and Jesus | Luke 19:28-21:38 Jesus in Jerusalem |  |
| Luke 2:41-4:13 Events Prior to Jesus’ Public Ministry | Luke 22:1-23:56 Jesus’ Arrest, Trials, and Crucifixion |  |
| Luke 4:14-9:50 Jesus’ Public Ministry in and around Galilee | Luke 24:1-53 Jesus’ Resurrection and Ascension |  |

**Immediate Context**

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| Luke 15:1-7 The Parable of the Lost Sheep | **Luke 18:1-8 The Parable of the Widow and the Judge** |
| Luke 15:8-10 The Parable of the Lost Coin | Luke 18:9-14 The Parable of the Pharisee & Tax Collector |
| Luke 15:11-32 The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother | Luke 18:15-17 Jesus Blesses Little Children |
| Luke 16:1-13 The Parable of the Dishonest Manager | Luke 18:18-30 The Rich Ruler |
| Luke 16:14-18 The Law and the Kingdom of God | Luke 18:31-34 Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection |
| Luke 16:19-31 The Rich Man and Lazarus | Luke 18:35-43 Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar |
| Luke 17:1-10 Some Saying of Jesus  | Luke 19:1-10 Jesus and Zacchaeus |
| Luke 17:11-19 Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers | Luke 19:11-27 The Parable of the Ten Pounds |
| Luke 17:20-37 The Coming of the Kingdom | Luke 19:28-40 Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem |

**Read:**

**Psalms 34; 105; 146**

**Proverbs 1:7; Proverbs 31:8-9**

**Daniel 7**

**Jeremiah 22:3-5**

**Micah 6:6-8**

**Key Word/Phrases**

**Parable –** παραβολή literally "throwing" (bolē) "alongside" or “side by side” (para-). Jesus told short stories using figurative or metaphorical language to illustrate spiritual ideas (aspects of the kingdom of God) in a way that invites hearers to probe beyond the literal level of the story. They function as metaphors, using potent suggestions rather than precise descriptions.

**Fear of God** – τὸν θεὸν οὐ φοβοῦμαι The word for “fear” is the word from which we get the word “phobia”. It’s not only about fear (as in terror), but also about having a healthy respect for God; a healthy sense of reverence and awe for God and recognizing our place in God’s creation. It’s a recognition that we are not God and we don’t get to determine what is right and wrong, but we need to humble ourselves before God. In Proverbs, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom. (See Proverbs 1:7)

**Justice** – ἐκδίκησιν The prefix ἐκ means “out of” or “from.” The root word δικαιος in Greek means “righteous, just, or fair.” (see Deut 10:17-18; 24:17; 27:19; Luke 2:37; 4:25-26; 7:12

**Opponent** – ἀντιδίκου – literally “anti-righteous, just or fair.”

**Wear me out** – ὑπωπιάζω literally, “give a black eye”, from hupopion, the part of the face under the eyes.

**Son of Man** – ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου The word for “man” is the word from which we get the word “Anthropology.” (see Daniel 7; Revelation 5; 12:11)

**Other Stories from Luke**

**Luke 5:17-25 – Healing the Paralytic**

17 One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting near by (they had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem); and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. 18 Just then some men came, carrying a paralyzed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus; 19 but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. 20 When he saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven you.” 21 Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, “Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” 22 When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? 23 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and walk’? 24 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the one who was paralyzed—“I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home.” 25 Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God.

**Luke 7:1-10 – Healing the Centurion’s Servant**

1 After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. 2 A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. 3 When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. 4 When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, “He is worthy of having you do this for him, 5 for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.” 6 And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; 7 therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. 8 For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and the slave does it.” 9 When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.” 10 When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

**Luke 11:5–13 (NRSV) – A Parable of Persistence in Prayer**

5 And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ 7 And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 9 “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”