

Will He really find faith on the earth?
Luke 18:1-8
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of Christ's powerful question.

Intro: 1. At least seven times in the gospel accounts we see Christ makes remarks about those of "little faith".
2. There is no doubt as to why Christ asks the question that He does here.
3. Will Christ REALLY find faith on the earth? What do you think?

I. The parable (v.1-7)

A. A judge who did not fear God nor regard man

1. Those who fear God obey God (**Acts 13:16**)
2. He cared for no one but himself.

B. The troubled widow

1. The widow wanted vengeance (**Rom 12:19**)
2. She had a lack of faith in the vengeance of God (**Heb 10:30**).

II. The assurance and question from Christ (v.8)

A. We have assurance that God will be just for us (v.8a)

1. **2 Peter 2:3**
2. **Isa 66:15**

B. Will He really find faith on the earth?

1. **Luke 17:26-30**
2. **Matt 24:12**

III. Christian and "real faith"

A. Consider the context

1. Notice the following parables. What are they about (v.9-14, v.15-17, **v.18-30**)
2. Repentance, godly sorrow, and worldly possessions.

B. In whose life can Christ "really find faith"? (**Lk 18:1**)

1. Worriers (**Matt 6:30**), Fearful (**Matt 8:26**), Doubters (**Matt 14:31**), Little faith/unbelief (**Matt 17:18-20**).
2. Are you like any of these? Where's real faith?

Conc: 1. Do we know what is real faith?
2. Do we possess that real faith to which Christ is referring?
3. What happens if He doesn't really find faith with us?
4. Full Invitation