

FAITH

Luke 18:1-8. As Brad H. Young says in his book, *Parables*, pg.50: this parable as well as several others, “encourage persistent faith because of GOD’s character.” The Greek term, *anidia* is a form of the word *chutzpah*, better from the Hebrew Word *chatsuf*, from Mishnaic Hebrew. In Mishnaic Hebrew, as opposed to its Biblical usage, the term took on a more positive connotation. Thus, its meaning would be:

1. Determined persistence
2. Relentless diligence
3. Bold perseverance
4. Raw nerve

You quickly come to the conclusion that a characteristic of true faith is a determined and relentless perseverance, which should well be placed in GOD because of the true nature and character of GOD.

Persist in prayer with a relentless persistence!

“she will wear me out” *huupopiazo*—to strike under the eye—is a boxing term. It can also be used figuratively, to wear someone out. The scholar Fiitzmyer as quoted by Brad Young, says that the verb is also used in the figurative sense: “to blacken the face (i.e. besmirch my character) or ‘wear out completely.’” How much more faithful is GOD, our TRUE and TRUSTWORTHY FRIEND, WHO will bring about justice for them speedily!

Luke 18:8b “However, when THE SON of MAN returns, will HE find faith on the earth?” When THE LORD returns, will HE find persistent, relentless determined faith? If this is the question that THE LORD is asking with reference to HIS Second Coming, how much more it must have spurred those disciples to faithful, persistent prayer since THE LORD was right there with them in HIS First Coming!

For further references on faith, look up, and apply the above understanding of:

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to the following texts:

1. Hebrews 11:6
2. 1 Corinthians 13:2
3. Mark 11:23-24