



Trusting God With Our Problems

Read: Luke 18:1-8

In the gospel Jesus tells his disciples a story about a woman who seeks justice from an obstinate judge. After frequent petitions the judge finally grants her request. Jesus informs his audience that God will help those who call upon him in their time of need. Prayer is about trusting God. But how should we make our requests so that he answers us?

Philippians 4:6 tells us there are four things we need to do in order to trust God on a daily basis:

1. "Worry about nothing." Worrying can become a bad habit. The woman had faith that she would eventually get justice. Placing our trust in God means we put worrying aside and have faith that God will provide the right outcome.
2. "Pray about everything." The woman kept petitioning the judge and eventually she was heard. God wants to take care of our problems; we just need to bring them to him.
3. "Thank God in all things." No matter what happens we must thank God. The Bible says, "in all things give thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Why should we give thanks in all circumstances? Because we trust that God is going to take care of us, help us and meet our needs. It may not be how we expect, but it will be in the way we need it the most.
4. "Think about the right things." The woman was constantly focused on getting justice. We too must keep our minds occupied by what is good, true, honourable, just, excellent, and charitable. We must keep our minds focused on God.

If we focus on our goal and keep God at the center of our lives, Jesus promises that God will come to our aid. Like the woman in the gospel, we must have the same resolve when it comes to strengthening our "faith on earth."