Persevering in prayer – the story of the persistent widow and the unjust judge

What is Jesus saying to His followers?
This is how you should behave until I come again – persevere in prayer and do not grow weary.

God is not like the judge and Jesus' followers are not like the widow - this is a "how much more" parable.

See Luke 11 for similar stories.

Persevering is linked to how we live as disciples. It has to do with prayer as both an attitude and an activity.

What does this story teach about the outcome of perseverance?

A spiritual reward, not a material one.

A promise to those who are faithful: "And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night?"

Luke 18:7

The mark of perseverance?

The badge of God's elect: being justified, being accounted righteous by God.

"Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:31