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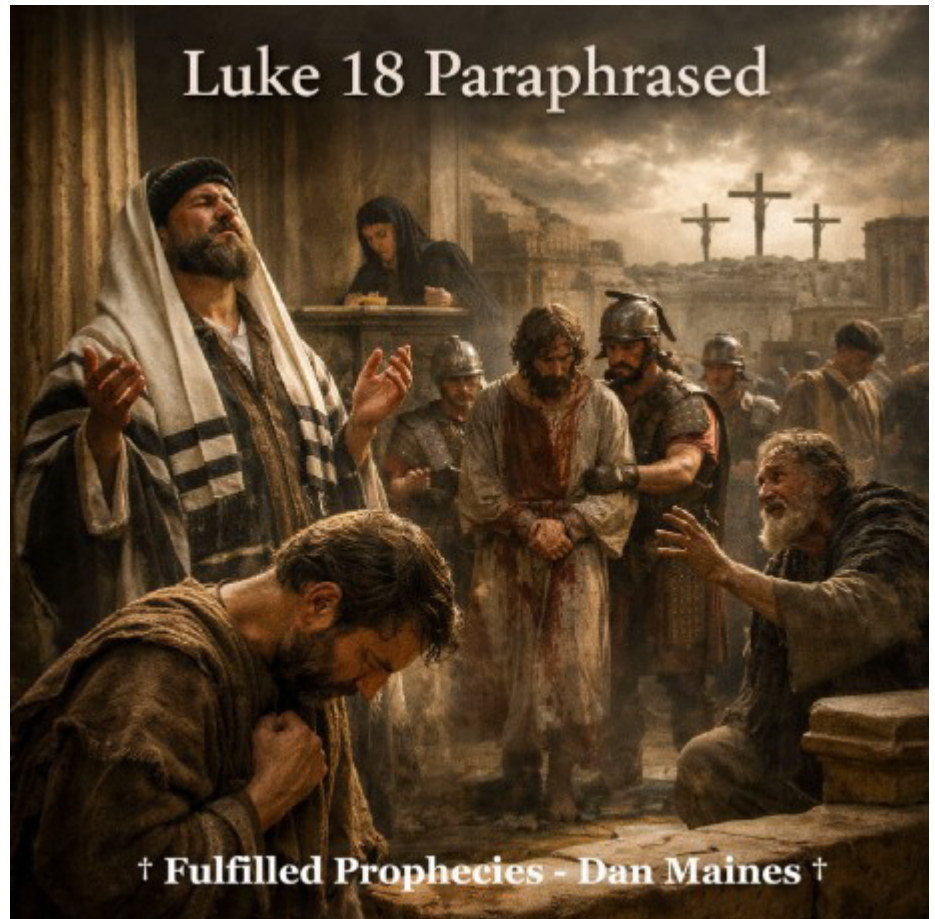
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Luke 18 Paraphrased



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Introduction

† Jesus is preparing His disciples for what was about to happen in their generation, calling them to persistence, humility, and real faith

† He exposes false confidence in religion and shows who truly belongs to God before judgment falls

† This chapter contrasts outward religion with genuine trust in God

Luke 18:1

He told them a story so they'd keep praying and wouldn't give up

† This is about endurance during coming pressure (Luke 21:36)

† Faith keeps going even when answers seem delayed

† They needed strength for what was about to happen

Luke 18:2

He said there was a judge in a city who didn't fear God and didn't care about people

† This reflects corrupt leadership in Israel (Isaiah 1:23)

† No fear of God leads to injustice

† Jesus is exposing the condition of the leaders

Luke 18:3

There was a widow in that city who kept coming to him saying give me justice against the one who wronged her

† The widow represents the oppressed faithful (Luke 11:49-51)

† God's people were crying out

† Justice was about to come

Luke 18:4

For a while he refused, but later he said to himself even though I don't fear God or care about people

† Delay doesn't mean God isn't acting

† Judgment was being held back briefly (2 Peter 3:9)

† Persistence eventually breaks resistance

Luke 18:5

Still, because this widow keeps bothering me, I'll give her justice so she doesn't wear me out

† Persistence produces results

† God responds far more than this judge

† The faithful wouldn't be ignored

Luke 18:6

Then the Lord said listen to what the unjust judge said

† Jesus draws a comparison

† If the unjust respond, God certainly will

† This builds confidence in God

Luke 18:7

Will God not bring justice for His chosen ones who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay over them

† The chosen ones are the faithful remnant (Romans 11:5)

† Their cries were about to be answered

† This was near, not distant

Luke 18:8

I tell you He will bring justice quickly, but when the Son of Man comes will He find faith on the earth

† Quickly confirms timing (Matthew 24:34)

† Many would fall away (Matthew 24:10)

† Faithfulness would be rare

Luke 18:9

He told this to those who trusted in themselves and looked down on others

† This exposes self-righteousness

† Pride blinds people

† This was common in Israel

Luke 18:10

Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector

† This is covenant context

† One trusts himself

† The other seeks mercy

Luke 18:11

The Pharisee stood and prayed to himself God I thank You that I'm not like other people thieves corrupt adulterers or even like this tax collector

† This is self-glorification, not true prayer

† He compares instead of repents

† This exposes false righteousness

Luke 18:12

I fast twice a week and give a tenth of everything I receive

† He lists works as proof

† This is reliance on the law

† Works cannot justify

Luke 18:13

But the tax collector stood far away and wouldn't look up, he struck his chest and said God be merciful to me, I'm a sinner

† This shows humility

† He depends on mercy

† This is the heart God accepts

Luke 18:14

I tell you this man went home right with God instead of the other, because everyone who lifts himself up will be brought down, and the one who humbles himself will be lifted up

† God reverses human judgment

† Pride leads to destruction

† Humility leads to acceptance

Luke 18:15

People were bringing babies to Him so He could touch them, but the disciples tried to stop them

† The disciples misunderstood the kingdom

† They thought status mattered

† Jesus corrects them

Luke 18:16

But Jesus called them saying let the children come to Me, don't stop them, because the kingdom belongs to people like these

† The kingdom belongs to the humble

† Children represent dependence

† This contrasts pride

Luke 18:17

Whoever does not receive the kingdom like a child will never enter it

† Humility is required

† Self-reliance excludes

† Faith must be simple

Luke 18:18

A ruler asked Him good teacher what must I do to inherit life

† He focuses on doing

† This reflects law thinking

† He misunderstands life

Luke 18:19

Jesus said why do you call Me good, no one is good except God alone

† Jesus corrects his view

† God defines goodness

† This exposes misunderstanding

Luke 18:20

You know the commandments do not commit adultery do not murder do not steal do not lie honor your father and mother

† The law reveals the heart

† It exposes need

† He thinks he has met it

Luke 18:21

He said I have kept all these from my youth

† He believes he is righteous

† This is self-deception

† He lacks awareness

Luke 18:22

Jesus said one thing you still lack sell everything you have and give to the poor, then come follow Me

† Jesus exposes his true idol

† Wealth had his heart

† He could not let go

Luke 18:23

When he heard this he became very sad because he was extremely rich

† His attachment is revealed

† He chooses wealth over truth

† His heart is exposed

Luke 18:24

Jesus said how hard it is for the wealthy to enter the kingdom of God

† Wealth creates false security

† It blinds people

† This was common in Israel

Luke 18:25

It is easier for a camel to go through a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God

† This shows impossibility by effort

† Wealth is a barrier

† Salvation is God's work

Luke 18:26

They said then who can be saved

† They understood the problem

† This shocked them

† It challenged their thinking

Luke 18:27

He said what is impossible with people is possible with God

† God saves, not man

† This removes boasting

† Grace is the answer

Luke 18:28

Peter said we have left everything to follow You

† The disciples sacrificed all

† This shows trust

† They followed fully

Luke 18:29

He said anyone who has left house or family for the kingdom

† Following requires sacrifice

† This was real for them

† Commitment is required

Luke 18:30

Will receive many times more now and life in the age to come

† Blessing comes now and then

† Life is found in Him

† This points to fulfillment

Luke 18:31

He took the twelve aside and said everything written by the prophets about Him is about to be fulfilled

† Prophecy was reaching fulfillment

† This was near

† Not distant future

Luke 18:32

He will be handed over mocked insulted and spit on

† Rejection was coming

† Israel would reject Him

† This fulfills prophecy

Luke 18:33

They will beat Him and kill Him and He will rise on the third day

† His death and resurrection

† Central to salvation

† Victory through suffering

Luke 18:34

They did not understand this, it was hidden from them

† Understanding was limited

† God reveals in time

† They would later see

Luke 18:35

As He came near Jericho a blind man sat begging

† Physical blindness mirrors spiritual blindness

† Many could not see truth

† Jesus brings sight

Luke 18:36

Hearing a crowd he asked what was happening

† Faith begins with hearing

† He seeks understanding

† He responds

Luke 18:37

They told him Jesus is passing by

† Opportunity was present

† Jesus was near

† He must act

Luke 18:38

He cried out Jesus Son of David have mercy on me

† He recognizes Jesus

† He cries for mercy

† This is faith

Luke 18:39

They told him to be quiet but he cried louder

† Opposition tries to silence

† He persists

† Faith continues

Luke 18:40

Jesus stopped and had him brought

† Jesus responds to faith

† He hears the cry

† He draws near

Luke 18:41

He said what do you want, he said I want to see

† He knows his need

† He asks clearly

† Faith speaks

Luke 18:42

Jesus said receive sight your faith made you well

† Faith results in restoration

† Jesus has authority

† Healing is given

Luke 18:43

He immediately saw and followed Him praising God, and all who saw it praised God

† Faith leads to following

† Restoration produces praise

† Others respond

Historical References

† Josephus records the corruption and injustice of the leaders before Jerusalem's fall

† Eusebius records the destruction of Jerusalem as fulfillment

† Irenaeus contrasts humility with prideful religion

† Clement of Alexandria emphasizes repentance over outward works

How it applies to us today

† We must remain persistent in faith and prayer

† Humility is still required, pride still destroys

† We trust God, not works or status

† True faith endures and follows

Q & A Appendix

Q What does the widow show

A Persistence in prayer and faith (Luke 18:1)

Q Why was the Pharisee rejected

A He trusted himself instead of God (Luke 18:9-14)

Q Why was the tax collector accepted

A He humbled himself and sought mercy (Luke 18:13-14)

Q What does the rich ruler show

A Wealth can block true surrender (Luke 18:22-23)

Q What does the blind man show

A Persistent faith that leads to restoration (Luke 18:38-42)

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