



## Pastor's Comments

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### Rapture Readiness

Recently, I felt strongly urged by the Lord to preach on "**Primary Priorities For Rapture Readiness**" stressing three scriptural priorities – **Prayer**, **Purity**, and **Purpose**. You can hear the complete message at: [www.naog.ws/sermons.htm](http://www.naog.ws/sermons.htm)

This column, as the previous two, is from that first priority of **prayer**. In Luke 18, Jesus told a story of a widow and unjust judge to emphasize **persistence in prayer**, "*to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.*" He concluded with the question, "*When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?*" When Jesus comes again, will He find in us a **foundational faith in God** that sustains a life of **persistence in prayer, purity, and purpose**? Will He find in us **faith** like that of the widow to **persist in seeking God in prayer** until our souls are satisfied with His goodness? Will He find **faith** like that spoken of in Hebrews 11:6 – **faith that believes God "is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him?"**

Oh God, give us this kind of **faith** to keep us **diligently seeking You and praying** in this evil day! Give us this **faith that endures in prayer** like Moses who "*endured, as seeing him who is invisible*" (Heb. 11:27). Give us this **faith to "Pray without ceasing"** (1 Thess. 5:17), and "**Continue in prayer**" (Col. 4:2). Give us this **faith that will keep us "Praying always with all prayer"** (Eph. 6:18) and "**continuing instant in prayer**" (Rom. 12:12). Give us this **faith** to heed the warning in 1 Peter 4:7, "*But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.*" Lord, help us to "*watch and pray*" because we don't know "*when the time is*" of Your second coming (Mark 13:33). Help us to "**pray always**" that we may be **ready for the rapture** and "*may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass*" (Luke 21:36).

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