

THE POWER OF PERSISTENT PRAYER



Now Jesus was telling the disciples a parable to make the point that at all times they ought to pray and not give up and lose heart, Luke 18:1 Amplified

Satan understands that if we persevere in prayer, there is nothing he can do to stop our prayers from being answered! His only hope of blocking the answer is to discourage us until we stop praying.

*“There was a judge in a certain city,” he said, “who neither feared God nor cared about people. ³ A widow of that city came to him **repeatedly**, saying, ‘Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.’ ⁴ The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, ‘I don’t fear God or care about people, ⁵ but this woman is driving me crazy. I’m going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!’”*

*Then the Lord said, "Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. ⁷ Even **he** rendered a just decision in the end. So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?"*

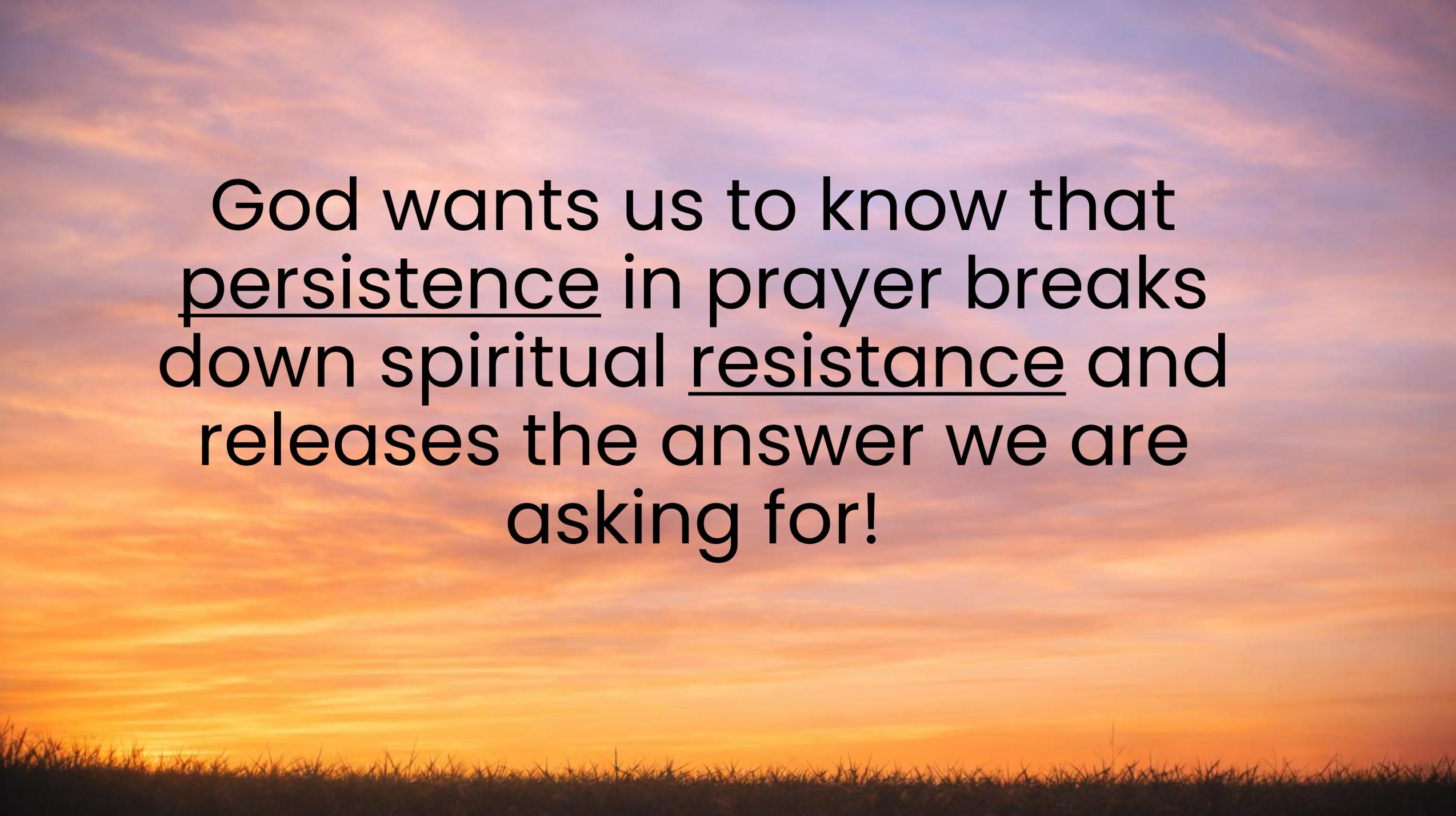
Luke 18:2-8 NLT

- The judge was unjust and uncaring about the widow's circumstances.

- The widow was helpless, defenseless and vulnerable to men in power taking advantage of her.

- The only thing she had was PERSISTENCE in appealing to the judge for justice in her case.

Jesus is not to comparing the unjust judge and the persistent widow to God and His people. He is contrasting them. His point is that if an uncaring, unjust, secular judge will finally hear your appeals, how much more will your heavenly Father who loves and cares about you supremely, hear your prayers!

The background of the image is a soft, colorful sky transitioning from a pale blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. The bottom edge of the image shows the dark silhouette of grass. Centered in the sky is a block of text in a clean, black, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in five lines, with the first line being the longest and the last line being the shortest. The words 'persistence' and 'resistance' are underlined.

God wants us to know that
persistence in prayer breaks
down spiritual resistance and
releases the answer we are
asking for!

The background of the image is a vibrant sunset or sunrise sky. The colors transition from a deep orange and yellow near the horizon to a soft, pale blue at the top. The sky is filled with wispy, horizontal clouds. At the very bottom of the frame, there is a dark silhouette of a grassy field, with individual blades of grass visible against the bright light of the sun.

P.U.S.H – Pray Until Something
Happens!