

## **“Commitment to Prayer”**

### **Sermon Outline from Luke 18:1-17**

#### **I 18:1-8 Commitment to regular persevering prayer for life**

A 18:1-16 Importance of continuing to pray and not give up

Acts 9:11-16; Matthew 26:40-41; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

B 18:7-8a God will bring true justice to His true believers, committed to pray to Him - Hebrews 11:35-40

C 18:8b True faith will be very scarce when the Lord returns to earth

#### **II 18:9-14 Committed Prayers focus on God, not self**

A 18:9-10 The Lord warns about sin of self-righteousness

Ecclesiastes 7:20; John 16:8-11

B 18:11-12 Lord condemns Pharisee's prayer- no sense of sin or guilt

C 18:13-14a The Lord commends the humble prayer of the tax collector

D 18:14b The Lord Jesus gave high praise to humility

#### **III 18:15-17 Commitment to prayer depends on God, using child-like trust**

A 18:15-16 Many do not realise the importance of young children's souls

B 19:17 Everyone must receive God's kingdom like a humble child

#### **IV How committed are each of us to daily prayer?**

**“Christian service** without prayer is atheism

**Prayer** without Christian service is presumption” – Dudley Foord