THE FRIENDS AT MIDNIGHT
LUKE 11:5-13

Verses 5-8 tell the parable. It is a simple scenario. A friend knocks on the door at midnight. The house is shut up and the family bedded down. It takes a bit of convincing to get the man out of bed to help his friend.

He does it not because the one at the door is his friend, or because the cause is genuine. He helps his friend only to be rid of him, and to get back to sleep!

Verses 9-13 explain the point Jesus is making, and two other little parables make it very clear.

God is no reluctant friend, but a loving Father. He is more than willing to give good things to those who seek him and ask of him.

He will even give us his Spirit, who seals and sanctifies us for an unimaginably great and eternal inheritance (compare Eph 1:3-14, 3:20-21).

THE PERSISTENT WIDOW
LUKE 18:1-8

Verse 1 shows the lesson of this parable "that at all times people ought to pray and not lose heart".

God knows

"Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him" (Matthew 6:7-8)

God hears

"The cry of [the oppressed and mistreated] has reached the ears of the Lord of Hosts" (James 5:1-5).

God remembers

"You have taken account of my wanderings, put my tears in your bottle; are they not in your book?" (Psalm 56:8).

God cares

"Cast all your cares upon him, because he cares for you" (1Peter 5:6-11).

God answers

"Don't be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God..." (Philippians 4:4-7).

THE GOD WHO CARES.

The many gods that people believe in are not known for their caring nature. They are fickle, unkind, and unjust. However the true God is gracious and loving. He helps those who draw near to him and listen to his word.

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