



HOPE that leads to lasting CHANGE.  
-Colossians 1:5-6

## Don't Lose Heart In This Life

Luke Chapters 17 and 18

2. Living with \_\_\_\_\_.

**At times it hurts to keep hoping, but you know what?**

Jesus tells us to \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

Why do we pray? Because the \_\_\_\_\_.

Why do we keep praying?

Because the \_\_\_\_\_.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, 5who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3,4

### Chapter 17- Conversation #1 about the Kingdom of God

Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, 21nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:20-21

**Jewish people understood that the coming kingdom would be:**

1. The coming of the Messiah.
2. Come in great power and be dramatic in it's inception.
3. It would vindicate Israel against her enemies.
4. The wiping away evil and injustice.

**Jesus responds to the question of the Pharisees on two fronts**

1. Your wrong to assume that the Kingdom of God is fully future event because it's here now.
2. The coming of the Kingdom initially won't be cataclysmic.

### Chapter 17- Conversation #2 about the Kingdom of God

Then he said to his disciples, "The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it.

Luke 17:22

**This is the first place we can get the idea that Jesus is coming twice.**

Men will tell you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he is!' Do not go running off after them. 24For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. 25But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

Luke 17:23-25

**Jesus first coming is hidden and subtle, first He must suffer and die; my second coming won't be hidden it will be dramatic.**

**Jesus gives you a parable of what posture believers take as you wait upon His return.**

"In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'  
Luke 18:2,3

4"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, 5yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!' "

6And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. *However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?*"

**The last line tells us that Jesus is connecting this parable directly to his discussions with his disciples about his second coming. In other words, God is talking to believers who are tempted to lose heart, and telling them what kind of posture in life we should have.**

**Peter writes:**

First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.  
2 Peter 3:3

**Why does Jesus' teaching here matter to us?**

Because isn't \_\_\_\_\_, exactly what we all struggle with everyday in life?

**Didn't Jesus warn us?**

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."  
John 16:33

**James writes:**

You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.  
James 5:8

**Believers in Christ typically err on one of two sides of this struggle with life and faith to keep from losing heart.**

1. False \_\_\_\_\_.