

# **WHEN, LORD?**



Lord, when are you going to intervene?

When are you going to do something?

Chaos and tyranny are spreading like a disease across the earth.

Children are dying of hunger on every continent.

The Christian world is in disarray.

Where else can we turn but to you?

***How long, O God, is the foe to scoff?  
Is the enemy to revile thy name for ever?  
Why dost thou hold back thy hand,  
why dost thou keep thy right hand in thy bosom?***

***Psalm 74***

No, God is not lounging in heaven while the world rots.

God is filling the earth with his glory as our Redeemer and our Judge.

God cares about each of us as surely as he cares about that falling sparrow.

So what do we do when we are dismayed by the way things are going?

We pray.

We cry out like the psalmist of old.

We keep at it day after day.



***And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man; and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.'***

***For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'"***

***And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"***

### ***Luke 10***

Whatever else happens, we can be sure of one thing:

God will vindicate his elect.

And who are his elect?

Those who cry to him day and night.

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*Prayer: Lord our hearts are dismayed about the disarray in the world around us...the anger, the division, the injustice, the suffering, the violence, the callousness, the escalating poverty, and the many careless words that stir up hatred. Oh Lord, bring about justice, open our eyes, open our hearts.... help us to see and resist evil. May your kingdom be carried to all these dark places. Use us as you will to bring your healing. May we never get so comfortable that we stop mourning the evil and injustice in this world. Keep us faithfully crying out for your divine intervention into every sorrow we encounter. Vindicate our mourning. Amen*

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