

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Luke 18: 1-8

1. And it came to pass, Jesus spake an parable unto His hearers to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint midway through, nor slumber before the doxology even after much wine and a fine goose;
2. Saying, There was in a metaphorical city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man, for he thought the first was far away and the second beneath him, and that he was assured of salvation because of his fine robes and many servants, male and female and others.
3. And lo! There was a widow in that city who hath neither small ox nor large ass, and only a few coins perchance; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary, for he doeth me wrong, and fingereth his instrument with divers noises into the early hours and depriveth me of sleep. And above all this he hath a cock which doth sound in the morning continuously, and it is annoying. Verily. O yes.
4. And the judge dismisseth her appeal and would not consider it, for in his mind it hath little merit, and he was not annoyed by the man's cock nor his instrument. Yet he did store these things up in his heart. But one night there was a wind and it did blow the sounds and other sundries towards his abode and he was disturbed therein. So in the morning, hearing the cock crow twice, he remembered, and said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;
5. Yet this widow's complaint hath some merit for by the sound of his playing this man's instrument doth irritate me muchly. And likewise his cock. So I will take up this widow's cause and avenge her, and by so doing I will also stop her troubling me, for she doth write letters to me every day and try to knock me up at night with her complaint, and by her continual coming she weary me. (At this point, Theophilus, my words failed me.)
6. And the Lord said, Right! Hear what the unjust judge saith. For by her complaining the widow hath irritated him exceedingly and caused him to act.
7. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, with or without cock, though he bear long with them? For though the patience of God is limitless, persistence will have an effect. So knock him up!
8. I tell you that he will avenge them pronto! And Jesus paused and looked around at His hearers and raiseth an eyebrow unto heaven in a Johannine way, for there was a twist in the tale, Theophilus, if thou art still reading, which none had seen coming. And He said unto them, Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth? Capiche? And none did comprehend His saying, but on the way home did complain that this parable was a super-hard one. But those with cockerels did keep the birds inside until the daylight hours lest their widow neighbours should complain. And none did play with their instrument late into the night. And it was dark.