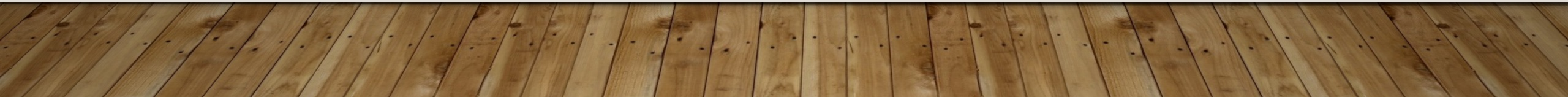




JUST WANT JUSTICE FROM THE JUDGE

LUKE 18:1-8 BIBLE STUDY (THE PARABLE OF THE PERSISTENT WIDOW)

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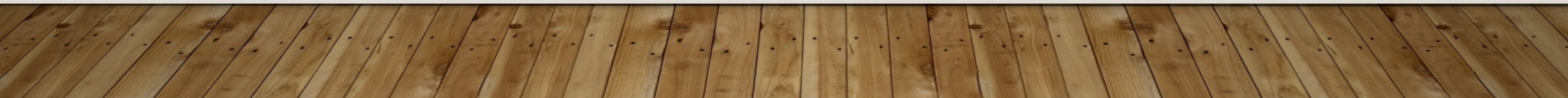




CONTEXT



- 5 Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ 7 And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your **shameless audacity** he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. (Lk 11:5-8, NIV)

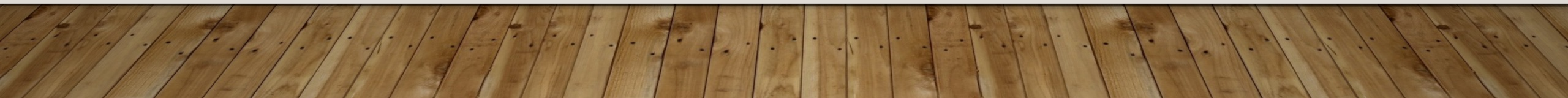




CONTEXT



- 9 “**So** I say to you: **Ask** and it will be given to you; **seek** and you will find; **knock** and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
- 11 “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give **good gifts** to your children, **how much more** will your Father in heaven give the **Holy Spirit** to those who ask him!” (Lk 11:9-13, NIV)





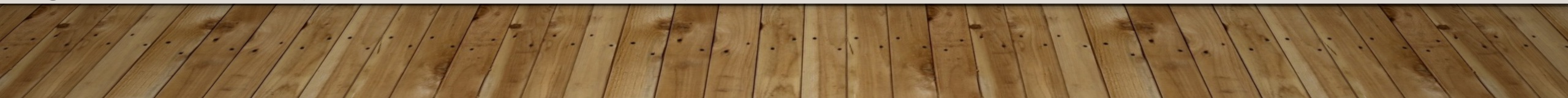
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- Then, He was telling them a parable in order to show them that it is necessary to always pray and never give up, (Lk 18:1, AT)

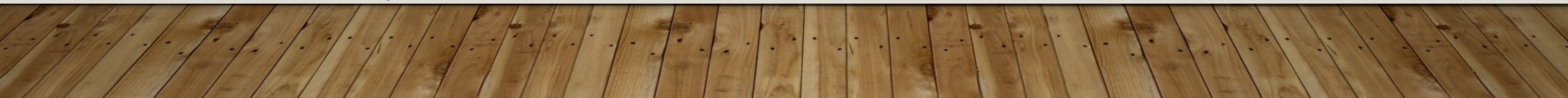


CONTEXT

- 22 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. 23 People will tell you, ‘There he is!’ or ‘Here he is!’ Do not go running off after them. 24 For 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. 25 But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. (Lk 17:22-25, NIV)
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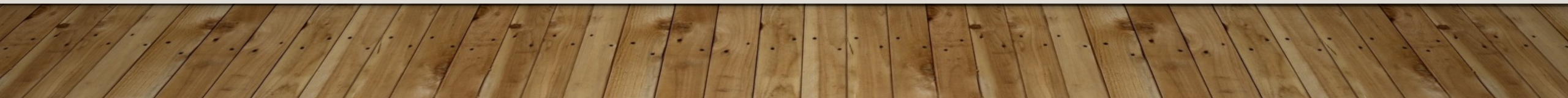


CONTEXT

- 13 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven.** He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given **authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him.** His dominion is an **everlasting dominion** that will not pass away, and his **kingdom** is one that will **never be destroyed.** (Dn 7:13-14, NIV)
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CONTEXT

- 61 But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the **Messiah**, the **Son of the Blessed One**?” 62 “**I am**,” said Jesus. “And you will see the **Son of Man** sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and **coming on the clouds of heaven**.” (Mk 14:61-62, NIV)
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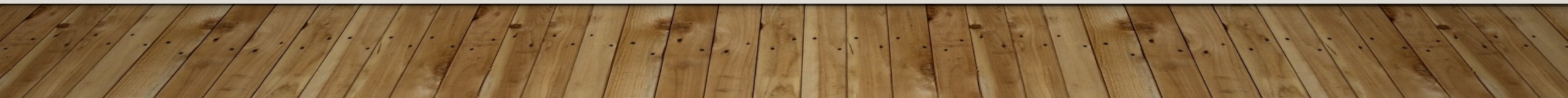
CONTEXT



- 21 As I watched, this horn was **waging war against the holy people and defeating them**, 22 **until** the Ancient of Days came and **pronounced judgment** in favor of the holy people of the Most High, and the time came when they **possessed the kingdom**. (Dn 7:21-22, NIV)

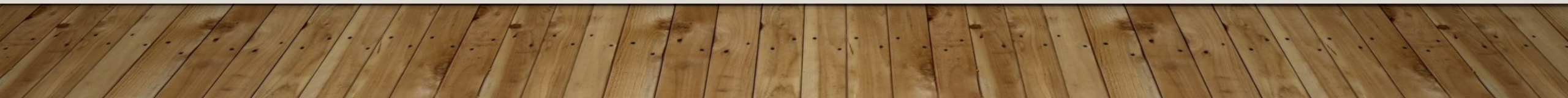


CONTEXT

- 26 “Just as it was in the **days of Noah**, so also will it be in the **days of the Son of Man**. 27 People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. (Lk 17:26-27, NIV)
 - 28 “It was the **same** in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. 29 But the day Lot left Sodom, **fire and sulfur rained down from heaven** and **destroyed them all**. (Lk 17:28-29, NIV)
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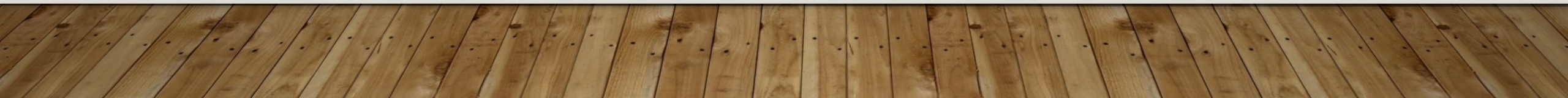


CONTEXT

- 30 “It will be **just like this** on the **day the Son of Man is revealed**.
31 On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. 32 Remember Lot’s wife! 33 Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it. (Lk 17:30-33, NIV; cf. Gen 19:15-16, 27)
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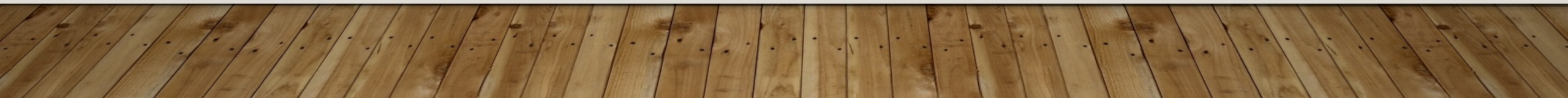
- 34 I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. 35 Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.” (Lk 17:34-35, NIV)
 - “Where, Lord?” they asked. He replied, “Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather.” (Lk 17:37, NIV)
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LUKE 18:2-3
UNJUST JUDGE, POOR WIDOW



- saying, "There was a judge in a town who neither feared God nor respected people. (Lk 18:2, AT)
- And there was a widow in that town, and she kept coming to him saying, "Grant me justice against my adversary!" (Lk 18:3, AT)

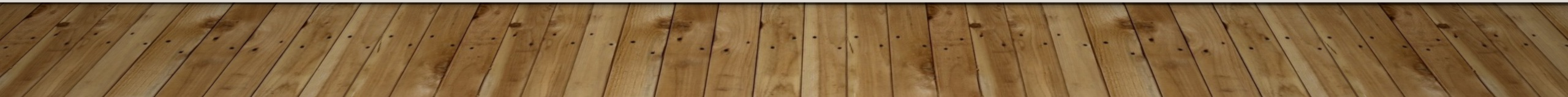




LUKE 18:2-3
UNJUST JUDGE, POOR WIDOW



The LORD watches over the **foreigner**
and sustains the **fatherless** and the **widow**,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.
(Ps 146:9, NIV)





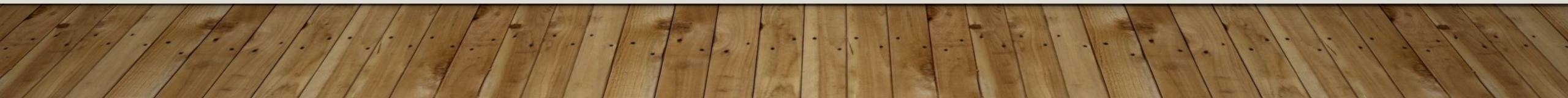
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UNJUST JUDGE, POOR WIDOW



Your rulers are rebels,
partners with thieves;
they all love **bribes**
and chase after gifts.

They do not defend the cause of the **fatherless**;
the **widow's case** does not come before them.

(Is 1:23, NIV; cf. Is 1:17; Jer 7:6-7)

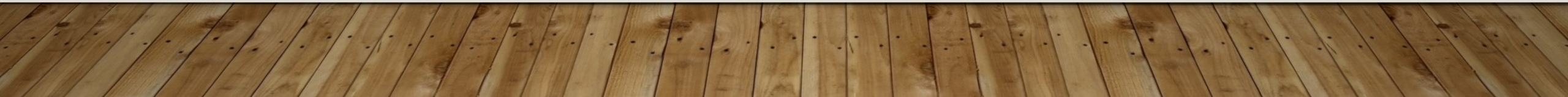




LUKE 18:2-3
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- Now let the **fear of the LORD** be on you.
Judge carefully, for with the LORD our God there is **no injustice or partiality or bribery.**”
(2 Ch 19:7, NIV)

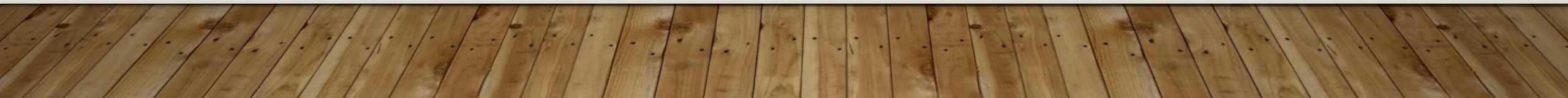




LUKE 18:2-3
UNJUST JUDGE, POOR WIDOW



- The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the LORD. But now **his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves.**” (2 Ki 4:1, NIV)

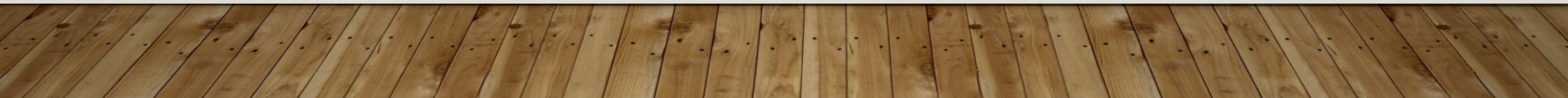




LUKE 18:2-3
UNJUST JUDGE, POOR WIDOW



A father to the **fatherless**, a defender of **widows**,
is God in his holy dwelling. (Ps 68:5, NIV)

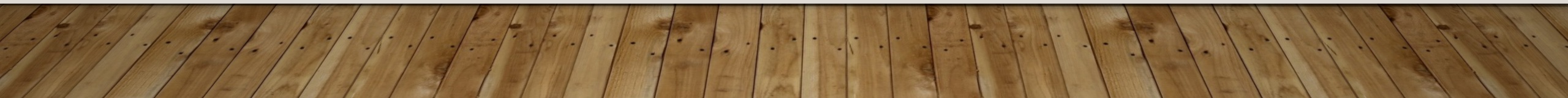




LUKE 18:2-3
UNJUST JUDGE, POOR WIDOW



- 22 **“Do not take advantage** of the **widow** or the **fatherless**.
23 If you do and they **cry out** to me, I will certainly hear their cry. 24 My anger will be aroused, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows and your children fatherless. (Ex 22:22-24, NIV; cf. Dt 10:16-18, 24:17; Lam 1:1; Mal 3:5)

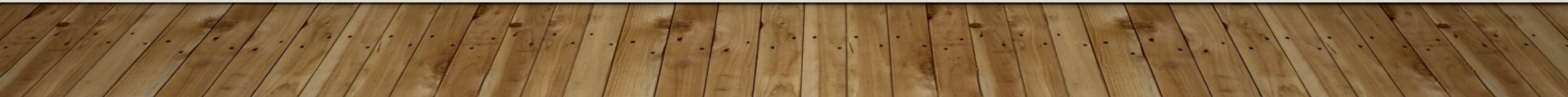




LUKE 18:4-5
PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF



- 4 And, for some time, he was unwilling. But, afterwards, he said to himself, "Though I don't fear God and don't respect people, 5 yet, because this widow keeps causing me trouble, I will grant justice to her, so that, by her continual coming she won't wear me out." [alt. so that, in the end, she might not come and give me a black eye.] (Lk 18:4-5, AT)

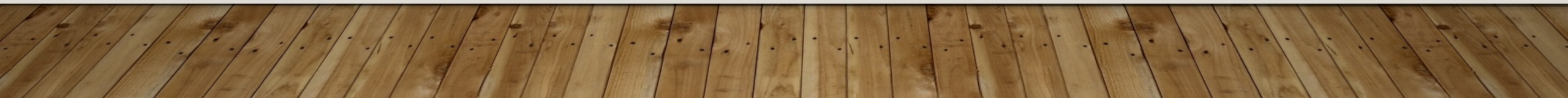




LUKE 18:6
JUSTICE, RIGHTEOUSNESS



- Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge says." (Lk 18:6, AT)



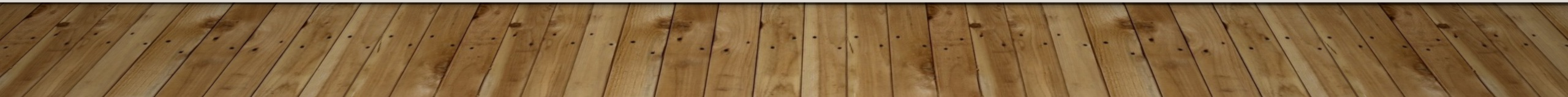


LUKE 18:6

JUSTICE, RIGHTEOUSNESS



- 24 Several days later Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish. He sent for Paul and listened to him as he spoke about **faith in Christ Jesus**. 25 As Paul talked about **righteousness** [δικαιοσύνη | *dikaiosynē*], **self-control** and the **judgment to come**, Felix was afraid and said, “That’s enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you.” 26 At the same time he was **hoping that Paul would offer him a bribe**, so he sent for him frequently and talked with him. (Ac 24:24-26, NIV)

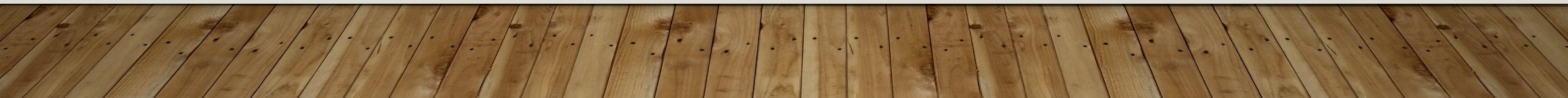




LUKE 18:6
JUSTICE, RIGHTEOUSNESS



- 30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he **commands all people everywhere to repent**. 31 For he has set a day when he will **judge the world** with **justice** [δικαιοσύνη | *dikaïosynē*] by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.” (Ac 17:30-31, NIV)

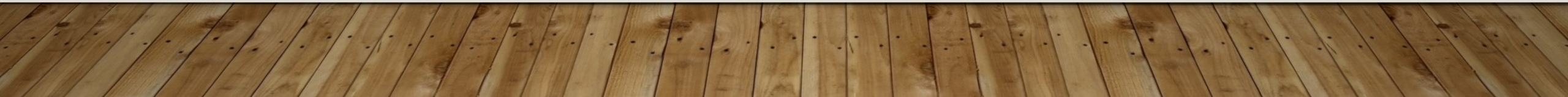




LUKE 18:7
HOW MUCH MORE?



- And will God not execute justice for His chosen ones when they cry out to Him day and night? For them will He long delay? (Lk 18:7, AT)

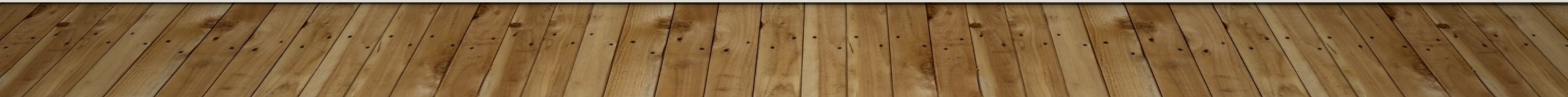




LUKE 18:8
WILL HE FIND FAITH?



- I say to you that He will execute justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith(fulness) on the earth?
(Lk 18:8, AT)

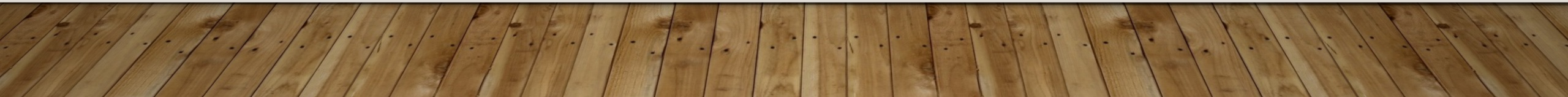




LUKE 18:8 WILL HE FIND FAITH?



- 1 The **spirit of the Lord GOD** is upon me,
because the LORD has **anointed** me;
he has **sent** me to **bring good news** to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
- 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and **the day of vengeance of our God**;
to comfort all who mourn; (Is 61:1-2, NRSV)





LUKE 18:8 WILL HE FIND FAITH?



18 “The **Spirit of the Lord** is on me,

because he has **anointed** me

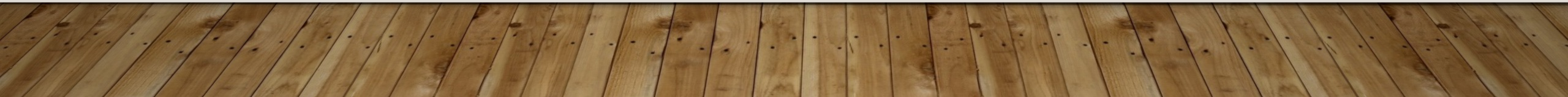
to **proclaim good news** to the poor.

He has **sent** me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners

and recovery of sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Lk 4:18-19, NIV)

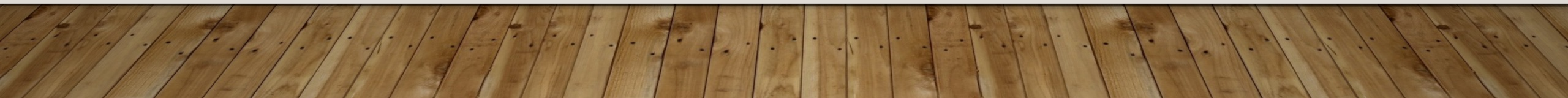




LUKE 18:8
WILL HE FIND FAITH?



- 20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, “Today **this scripture is fulfilled** in your hearing.” (Lk 4:20-21, NIV)

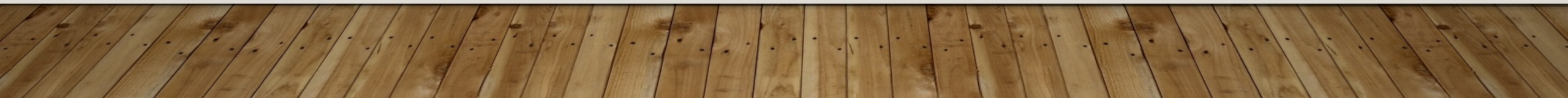




LUKE 18:8 WILL HE FIND FAITH?



- 8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a **day is like a thousand years**, and **a thousand years are like a day**. 9 The Lord is **not slow** in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Pet 3:8-9, NIV)

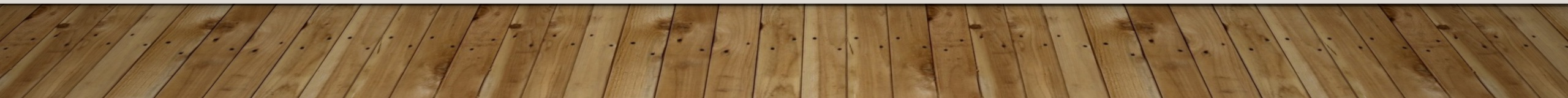




LUKE 18:8 WILL HE FIND FAITH?



- 10 But the **day of the Lord will come like a thief**. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.
- 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You **ought to live holy and godly lives** 12 as you **look forward to the day of God and speed its coming**. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are **looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth**, where **righteousness** [δικαιοσύνη | *dikaiosynē*] **dwells**. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are **looking forward to this**, make every effort to be found **spotless, blameless and at peace with him**. (2 Pet 3:10-14, NIV)

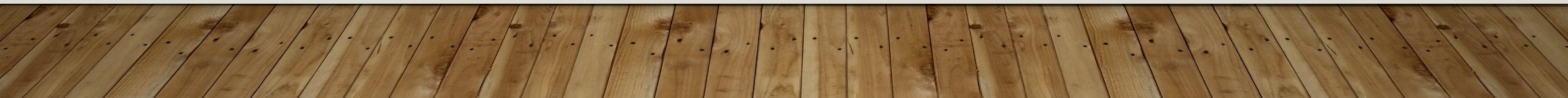




LUKE 18:8
WILL HE FIND FAITH?



- And this **gospel** of the kingdom will be **preached in the whole world** as a testimony to all nations, and **then** the end will come. (Mt 24:14, NIV)
- Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means **salvation** (2 Pet 3:15, NIV)

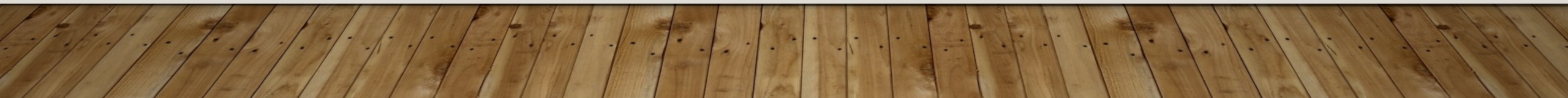




LUKE 18:8 WILL HE FIND FAITH?



- 8 He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them.
9 When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.” 10 Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.
11 There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. (Lk 21:8-11, NIV)





LUKE 18:8 WILL HE FIND FAITH?



- 12 “But before all this, they will **seize you** and **persecute you**. They will hand you over to synagogues and **put you in prison**, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all **on account of my name**. 13 And so you will bear testimony to me. 14 But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. 15 For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. 16 You will be **betrayed** even by **parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends**, and **they will put some of you to death**. 17 Everyone will **hate you because of me**. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 **Stand firm**, and you will **win life**. (Lk 21:12-19, NIV)

