

Prayer: Opening Your Heart to GOD



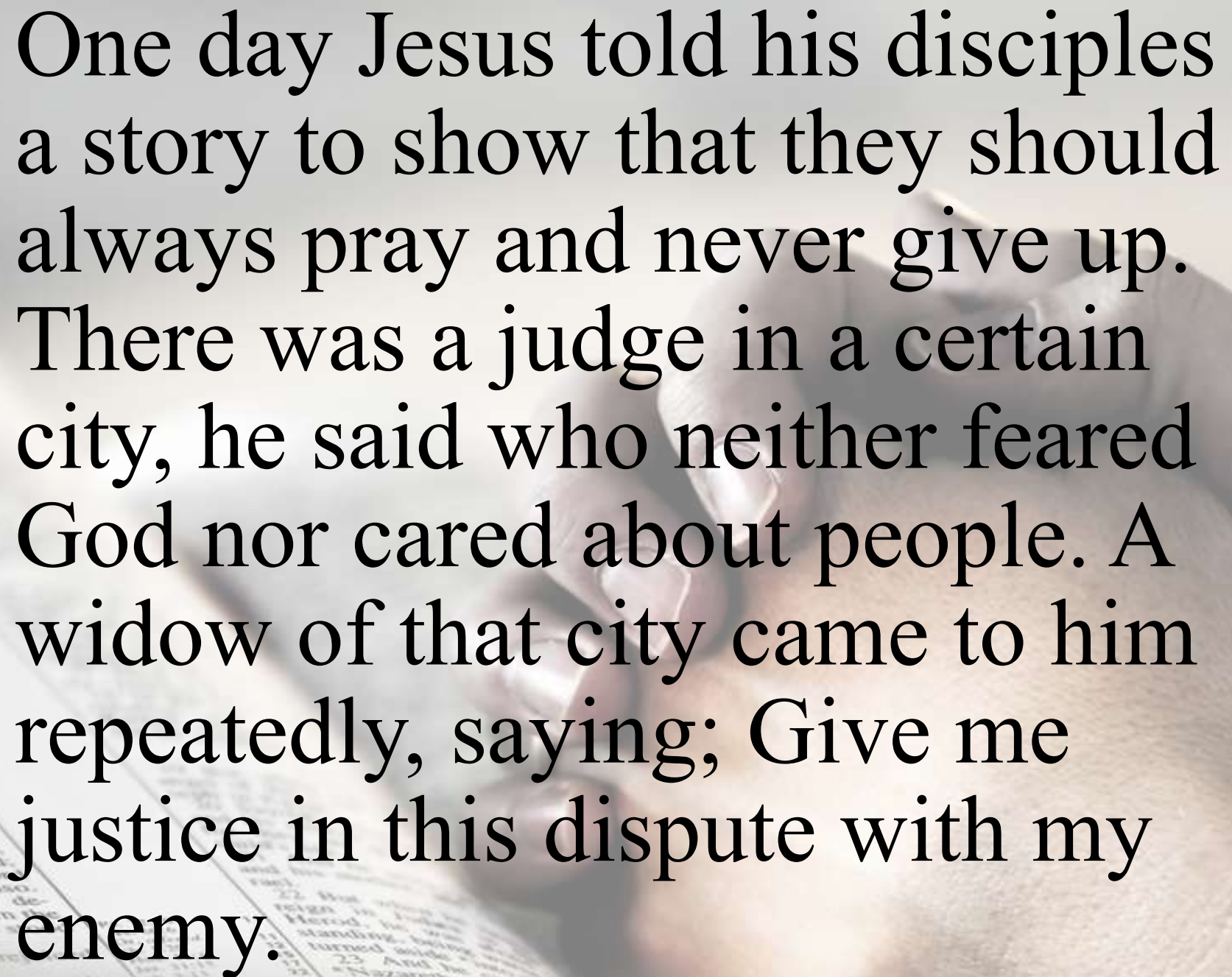
The Privilege of Prayer



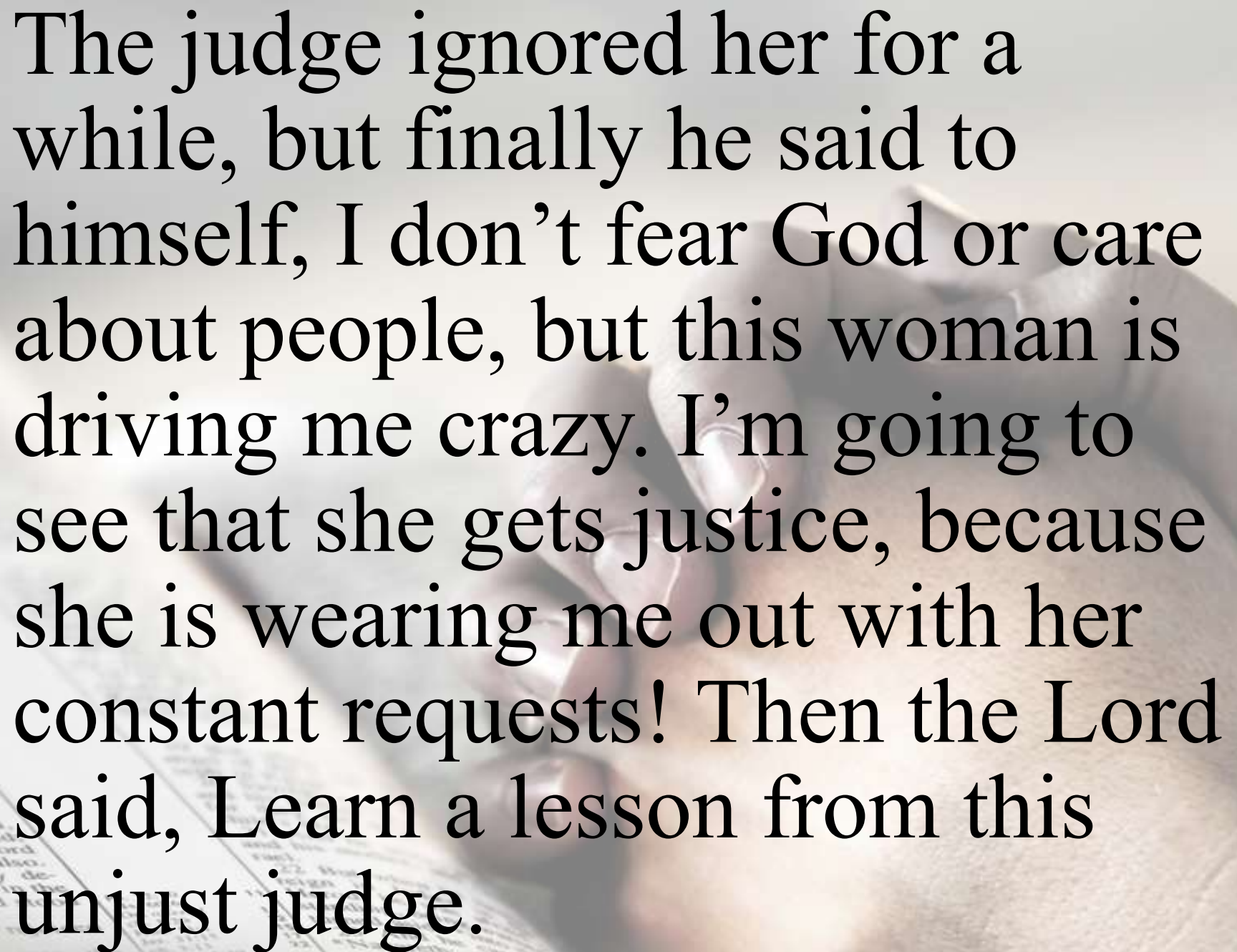






A person is shown from the chest up, reading a book. The person's hands are visible, holding the pages. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color. Overlaid on the image is a large, black, serif font text. The text is a parable about a judge and a widow.

One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. There was a judge in a certain city, he said who neither feared God nor cared about people. A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying; Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.

The background of the image shows a hand holding a quill pen, poised to write on an open book. The book's pages are visible, with some text partially legible. The overall scene is softly lit, creating a classic, scholarly atmosphere.

The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, I don't fear God or care about people, but this woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests! Then the Lord said, Learn a lesson from this unjust judge.

Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?"

Luke 18:1-8 (NLT)

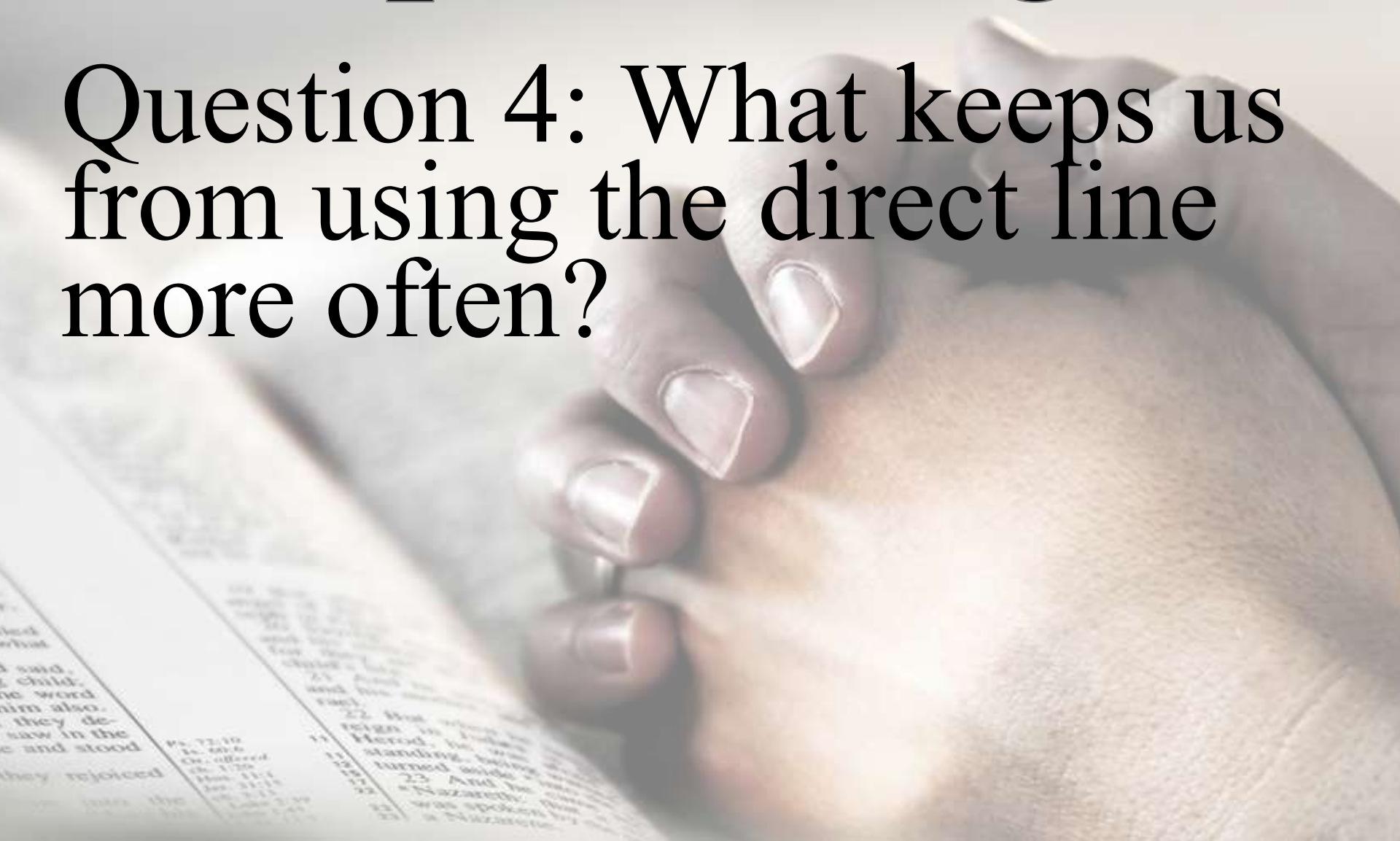
Group Sharing

Question 3: When we read today's scripture as a contrast what did we learn about how God feels about us?



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Question 4: What keeps us from using the direct line more often?





Next Week: How to Pray Authentically

