

MARKHAM MISSIONARY CHURCH
Sunday, December 14, 2008 – 10:45 a.m.
Pastor David Crouse

Prayer That Reaches The Father
Luke 18: 1-14

There are **Mysteries** in Prayer

- We **believe** in prayer
- God is **good** ... all the **time!**

Our Prayers **Do Reach** the Father

- Jesus **modeled** prayer.

Parable **One**

- Widows had almost zero **rights**
- The judge had no **moral** consciousness
- I'll give her justice so that she doesn't **wear me out**
- Jesus **contrasts** God to the unjust judge
- How much **more** will God respond to persistent prayers!

Parable **Two**

- Pharisees were the really **religious** people
- Tax Collectors were "**sinner**"
- **Both** go to the Temple to pray
- The Pharisee thanked God for **himself**
- The Tax Collector **humbled** himself before God
- "God have mercy on me, a **sinner**."

Prayer That **Reaches** the Father

- **Persistent**
- **Humble**