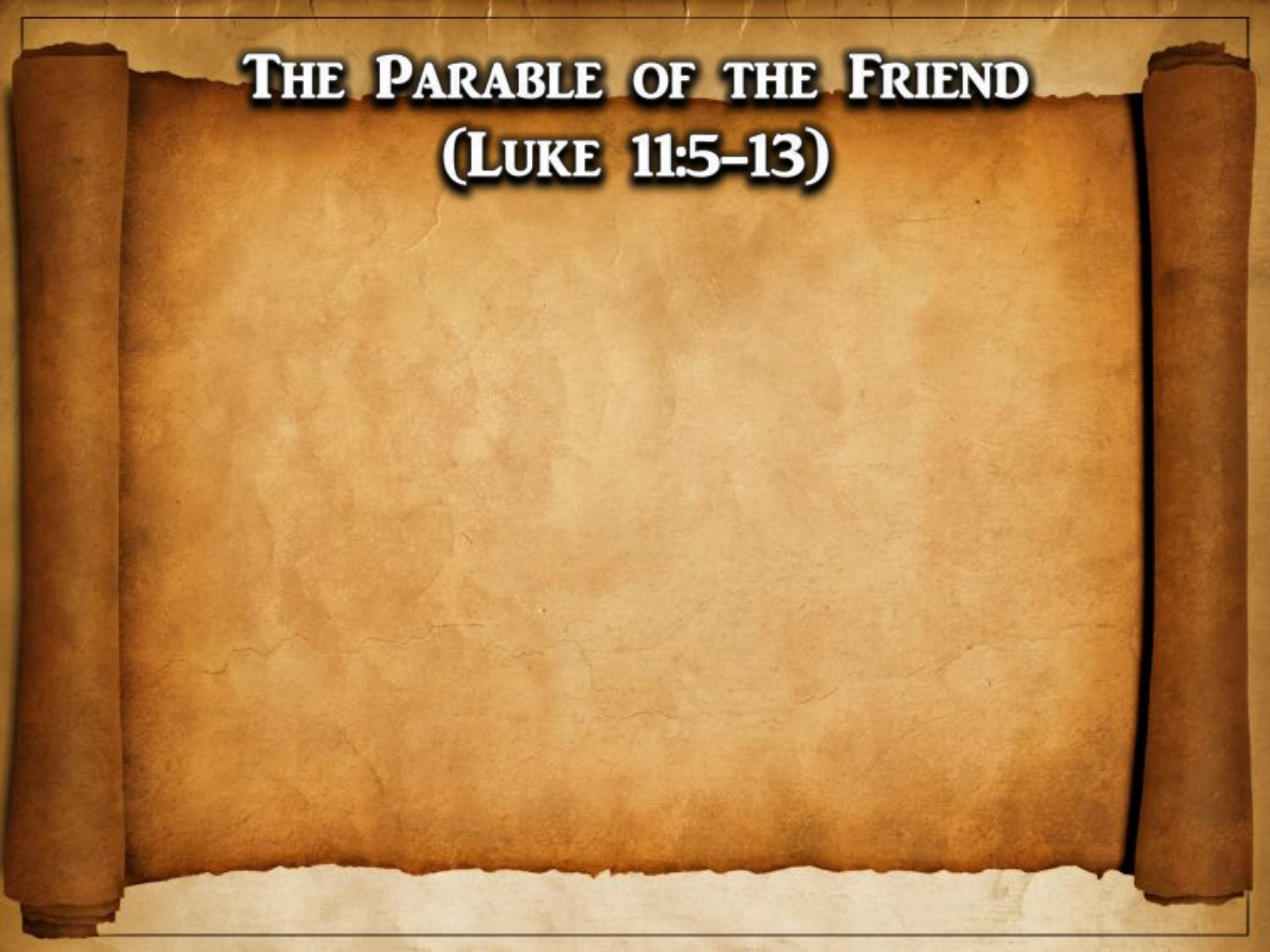


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- **Jesus tells a parable about a midnight request of a friend. This friend needs to borrow loaves of bread to feed an unexpected guest.**
- **Since most people are sleep at midnight, his request is declined.**
- **“and from inside he answers and says, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’” (vs. 7)**

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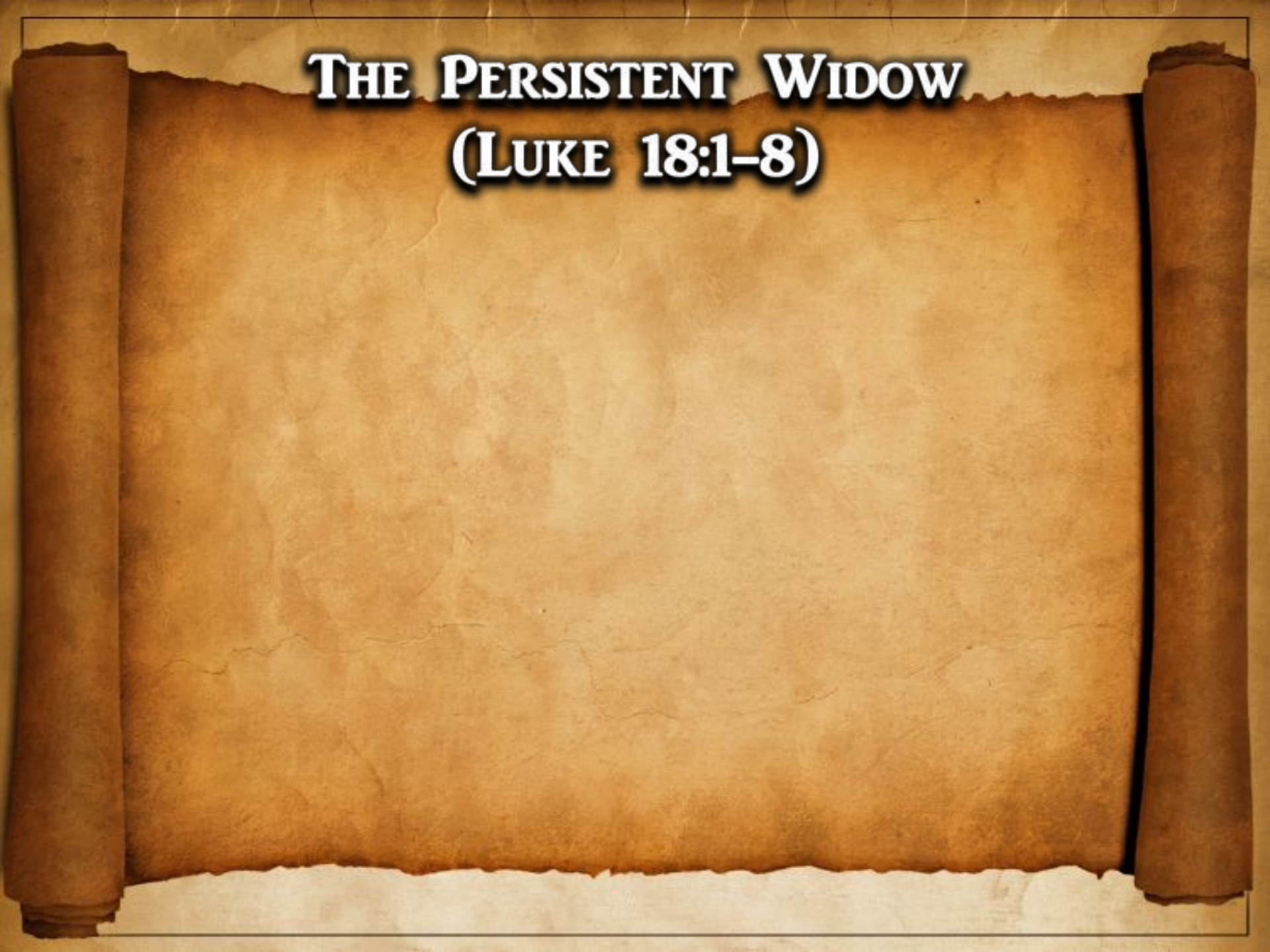
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- James 1:17



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- **“Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,”**

- Luke 18:1

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- **“In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man.”**
- Luke 18:2
- **Cities during the Law of Moses had judges to administer justice among the people.**
- **This judge was not a man of God. He himself acknowledges this in verse 4.**

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(LUKE 18:1-8)

- This judge was approached by a widow in his jurisdiction with a request. She wanted legal protection from an opponent.
- She had made this request several times.
- In the beginning, the judge had no sympathy for her situation. (vs. 4)
- But due to her wearing him out, he eventually gave into her request. (vs. 5)

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- “For the eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, and His ears attend to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

- 1 Peter 3:12

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