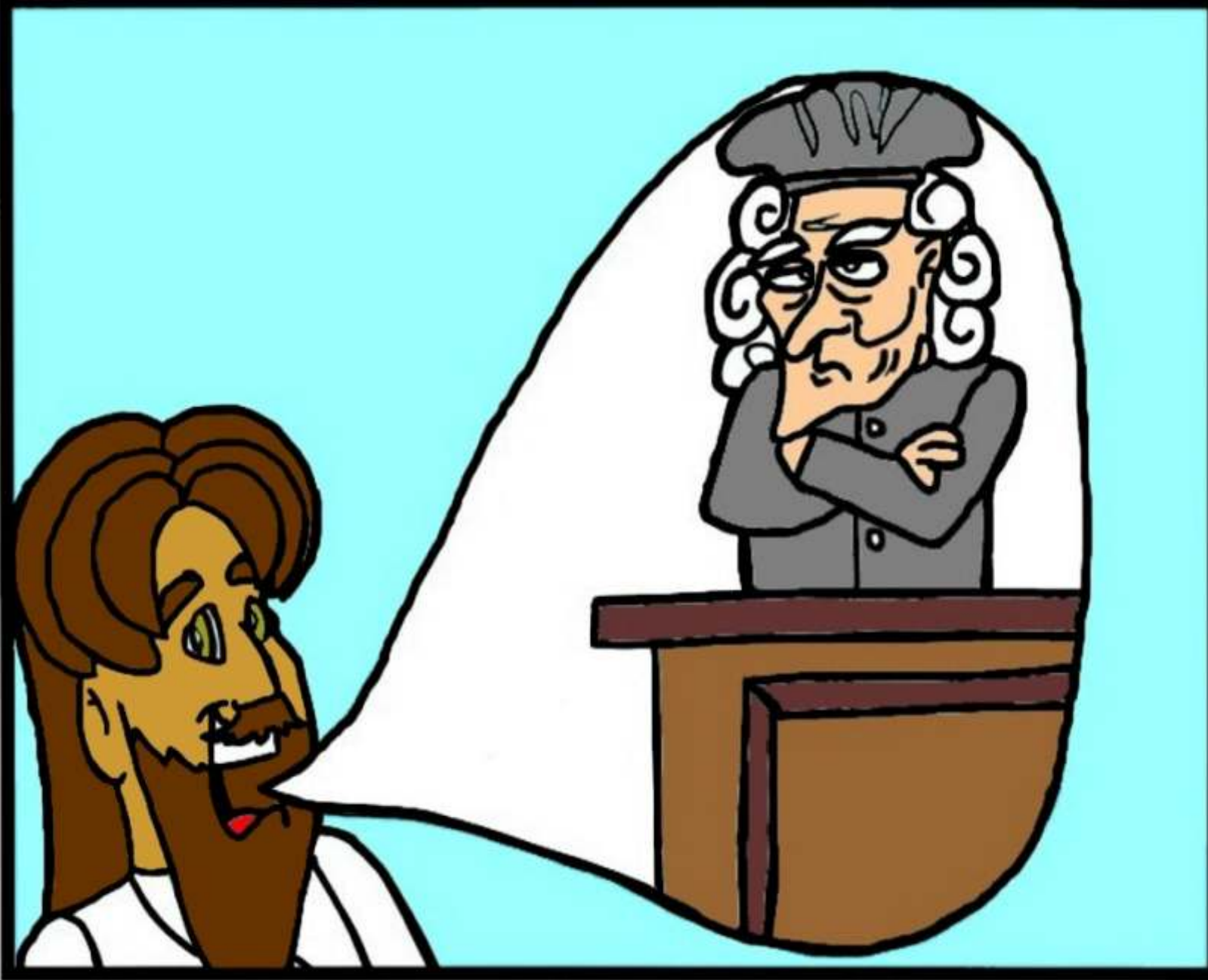


The Importunate Widow

(Based on Luke 18:1-8)

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One day Jesus told a story to show people that we should always pray and not give up. "There was in a city a judge. This judge was not afraid of God and he was not afraid of any man.



There was also a widow lady in that city. (A widow is a lady whose husband has died.) And this widow lady came often to see the judge. 'Do something about my enemy that is bugging me!' she said visit after visit.



At first the judge didn't want to do anything but he changed his mind. He said, 'I am not afraid of God. I don't let myself be bossed around by anybody, but because this woman keeps bugging me I will do something for her! If I don't she will wear me out by her continual visits!'"



Then Jesus said, "Did you hear what this ungodly judge said? And will not God do something for his own people who cry out to him day and night. I tell you he will do something, in a hurry. However when I come back, will I find faith on the earth?"



Lord, help me to remember that you are faithful, that you hear our prayers and that I should never give up.