

**Orphans, Widows,  
the Poor and Oppressed  
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**I. Nature Of God**

- A. Father of the fatherless, a defender of widows (Ps. 68:5)
- B. For all who are oppressed (Ps. 103:6)
- C. The Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted and justice for the poor (Ps. 140:12)

**II. Requirements For Righteousness**

- A. Patriarchs
  - 1. Job's righteousness (Job 29:11–17) helping every category of the needy or the helpless
  - 2. Things God disapproves of (Job 31:16–22)
- B. Law of Moses
  - 1. Leave gleanings for poor and stranger (Lev. 19:9–10)
  - 2. The stranger, the fatherless and the widow (Deut. 14:28–29)
- C. Prophets
  - 1. “Key for continuing revival” (Is. 1:16–18, 23; 11:4; 58:6–9)
  - 2. The sin of Sodom (Ezek. 16:49)
- D. New Testament
  - 1. Give to/feed those who are needy (Luke 3:9–11; 14:12–14)
  - 2. Judgment of Gentile nations (Matt. 25:34–46)
  - 3. Pure and undefiled religion (James 1:27)

**III. General**

- A. Promises
  - 1. “Lending to the Lord” (Prov. 19:17)
  - 2. Model mother (Prov. 31:20)
- B. Warnings
  - 1. You will not be heard (Prov. 21:13)
  - 2. Many curses (Prov. 28:27)
  - 3. “Charismatic meeting” (Amos 6:3)

**IV. Personal Testimony**

- A. When married to first wife, Lydia, got a wife and 8 daughters!
- B. Adopted a ninth daughter, African
- C. Out of that family, we are now more than 150 members
- D. When married to Ruth, got three more children (adopted by Ruth)
- E. Total 12 children: 11 girls, one boy

**V. Practical Application**

- A. What about single mothers?
- B. Want happiness? Love someone.