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COUNTER CULTURE

FOLLOWING CHRIST
IN AN ANTI-CHRISTIAN AGE

The Lonely in Families: The Gospel and Orphans and Widows

Commands to a Purpose

- Vulnerability characterizes the ‘widow and orphan’
 - Familial leadership
 - Strangers in a strange land
- A scriptural ‘type’ God uses to:
 - Reveal his character
 - Reveal the character of his people
 - Reveal how his people are set apart

Exodus 22:21

You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. you shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

What does God reveal about Himself?

What should the people of God see about themselves?

Deut 27:19

"'Cursed be anyone who perverts the justice due to the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

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Ps 68:5

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

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Isaiah 1:16-17

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

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Ezekiel 16:49-50

Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy. They were haughty and did an abomination before me. So I removed them, when I saw it.

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Zech 7:9-10

"Thus says the LORD of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart."

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James 1:27

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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Heb 13:1-3

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.

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Do we identify with the widow and orphan?



Characterizing the world's care....



How does the presence of the widow and orphan impact the church?



The legacy of the widow and orphan

