



# **Who are the widows and orphans today?**

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# 1. The Bible is full of references to orphans & widows

*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.*  
James 1 v 27

**2. Who are the widows and orphans, the marginalized groups today?**

**3. We might agree these folk are welcome in our churches, but sometimes we can't or don't want to engage.....**

**4. This is all about Jesus and what He can do. It's about what He can do through us. It's about praying to see the world through His eyes.**

***“It is because we have a high view of Scripture and we read it carefully that we find that it does not separate out evangelism from social action and that the supreme example of this is the life and teaching of Jesus. He teaches us that we cannot separate love and justice; for what love desires justice demands”.***

**John Stott  
Issues Facing Christians Today.**

**5. But How? Principles that might really help us when thinking about this broad issue.**

**6. If we have a concern for the marginalised groups of today and serve them as commanded, we will be blessed and will see fruit from our labour.**

*Blessed are those who consider the poor, for they will be delivered in times of trouble.*

**Psalm 41 v 1**



# Sarah's Testimony



**Big question;**

**Will we cast the Gospel net a little wider, and will we go a little deeper with the love of Jesus?**