

# **FATHERLESS - WIDOW**

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**WIDOW**

**BEREAVED - DISCARDED - FORSAKEN  
- WOMAN LACKING A HUSBAND**

**FATHERLESS**

**BEREAVED - PARENTLESS - ORPHAN**

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**BEREAVED - PARENTLESS - FATHERLESS**

# **WIDOW - WIDOWER**

## **EXAMPLE #1**

**A MAN AND A WOMAN CHOOSE TO MARRY.  
THE HUSBAND DIES.  
THE WOMAN BECOMES A WIDOW.**

## **EXAMPLE #2**

**A MAN AND A WOMAN CHOOSE TO MARRY.  
THE WIFE DIES.  
THE MAN BECOMES A WIDOWER.**

# FATHERLESS - MOTHERLESS

## EXAMPLE #3

A MAN AND A WOMAN CHOOSE TO MARRY.  
THEY CHOOSE TO HAVE CHILDREN.  
THE CHILDREN HAVE A FATHER AND A MOTHER.  
THE FATHER DIES.  
THE CHILDREN BECOME FATHERLESS.

## EXAMPLE #4

A MAN AND A WOMAN CHOOSE TO MARRY.  
THEY CHOOSE TO HAVE CHILDREN.  
THE CHILDREN HAVE A FATHER AND A MOTHER.  
THE MOTHER DIES.  
THE CHILDREN BECOME MOTHERLESS.

# **PARENTLESS - ORPHAN**

## **EXAMPLE #5**

**A MAN AND A WOMAN CHOOSE TO MARRY.  
THEY CHOOSE TO HAVE CHILDREN.  
THE CHILDREN HAVE A FATHER AND A MOTHER.  
THE FATHER AND THE MOTHER BOTH DIE.  
THE CHILDREN BECOME PARENTLESS.**



# WHO SHOULD YOU NOT AFFLICT? WHY?

## EXODUS 22:22-24

- 22 **You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child.**
- 23 **If you afflict them in any way, and they cry at all to Me, I will surely hear their cry;**
- 24 **And My wrath will become hot, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless. (NKJ)**

# HOW DOES THE LORD ADMINISTER JUSTICE?

## DEUTERONOMY 10:17-18

17 The LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.

18 He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.

19 Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. (NKJ)

# WHO IS THE TITHE OF THE THIRD YEAR FOR?

## DEUTERONOMY 14:28-29

28 At the end of every third year **you shall bring out the tithe of your produce of that year and store it up within your gates.**

29 And **the Levite**, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and **the stranger** and **the fatherless** and **the widow** who are within your gates, **may come and eat and be satisfied**, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do. (NKJ)

# WHO SHALL ENJOY THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES ?

## DEUTERONOMY 16:13-14

- 13 **You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days**, when you have gathered from your threshing floor and from your winepress.
- 14 And you shall rejoice in your feast, **you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow**, who are **within your gates.** (NKJ)

# HOW SHOULD YOU ADMINISTER JUSTICE?

## DEUTERONOMY 24:17-18

**17 You shall not pervert justice due the stranger or the fatherless, nor take a widow's garment as a pledge.**

**18 You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this thing. (NKJ)**

**(DEUTERONOMY 27:19)**

# HOW SHOULD YOU REAP YOUR HARVEST?

## DEUTERONOMY 24:19-22

19 **When you reap your harvest in your field**, and forget a sheaf in the field, **you shall not go back to get it**; it shall be **for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow**, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

20 **When you beat your olive trees**, you shall not **go over the boughs again**; it shall be **for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow**.

21 **When you gather the grapes of your vineyard**, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be **for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow**.

22 You shall **remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt**; therefore I command you to do this thing. (NKJ)

# WHO IS THE TITHE OF THE THIRD YEAR FOR?

## DEUTERONOMY 26:11-13

11 You shall rejoice in every good thing which the LORD your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you.

12 **When you have finished laying aside all the tithe of your increase in the third year--** the year of tithing-- and have given it to **the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow**, so that they may eat within your gates and be filled,

13 Then you shall say before the LORD your God: **I have removed the holy tithe from my house**, and also have given them to **the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow**, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me; **I have not transgressed Your commandments**, nor **have I forgotten them**.

# WHAT SHOULD YOU LEARN TO DO?

## ISAIAH 1:16-17

**16 Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil,**

**17 Learn to do good: seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless and plead for the widow. (NKJ)**

# THE LORD PRONOUNCED WOE TO WHOM?

## ISAIAH 10:1-2

- 1 **Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees**, who write misfortune, which they have prescribed
- 2 To **rob the needy of justice**, and to **take what is right from the poor of My people**, that **widows may be their prey**, and that **they may rob the fatherless**. (NKJ)

# HOW SHOULD YOU AMEND YOUR WAYS?

## JEREMIAH 7:5-7

5 If you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if you thoroughly **execute judgment between a man and his neighbor,**

6 If you **do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless,** and **the widow,** and **do not shed innocent blood** in this place, or **walk after other gods to your hurt,**

7 Then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever. (NKJ)

# WHAT DID THE LORD SAY ABOUT RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUDGMENT?

## JEREMIAH 22:3

3 Thus says the LORD: **Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the plundered out of the hand of the oppressor. Do no wrong and do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.** (NKJ)

# WHAT DID THE LORD TELL THEM?

## ZECHARIAH 7:10-11

**10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart against his brother.**

**11 But they refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears so that they could not hear. (NKJ)**

# WHAT WILL THE LORD WITNESS AGAINST?

## MALACHI 3:5

5 I will come near you for judgment; **I will be a swift witness** against **sorcerers**, against **adulterers**, against **perjurers**, against **those who exploit wage earners and widows** and **orphans**, and against **those who turn away an alien--** because they do not fear Me, says the LORD of hosts. (NKJ)

# WHAT DID THE WIDOW ANNA DO?

LUKE 2:36-37

36 **There was one, Anna, a prophetess**, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity;

37 This woman **was a widow of about eighty-four years**, who **did not depart from the temple**, but **served God with fastings and prayers night and day.** (NKJ)

# WHO WAS ELIJAH SENT TO?

LUKE 4:25-26

25 I tell you truly, **many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah**, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land;

26 But **to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath**, in the region of Sidon, to **a woman who was a widow.** (NKJ)

# WHAT DID THE POOR WIDOW GIVE?

## LUKE 21:1-4

- 1 Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury,
- 2 **He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites.**
- 3 **So He said, Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all;**
- 4 **For all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had. (NKJ) (MARK 12:41-44)**

# WHAT WAS THE GRECIAN WIDOWS PROBLEM?

## ACTS 6:1-4

1 Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because **their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.**

2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.

3 Therefore, brethren, **seek out from among you seven men of good reputation**, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, **whom we may appoint over this business;**

4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. (NKJ)

# WHAT DID DORCAS DO?

## ACTS 9:36-42

36 At Joppa **there was a certain disciple named Tabitha**, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did.

37 **But it happened that she became sick and died.** When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them.

39 Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. **All the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.**

# WHAT DID PETER DO?

## ACTS 9:36-41

40 Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And **turning to the body he said, Tabitha, arise.** She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

41 Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and **when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive.**

42 It became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord. (NKJ)

# WHAT WIDOWS SHOULD BE HONORED?

## 1 TIMOTHY 5:3-8

3 **Honor widows who are really widows.**

4 **But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God.**

5 **She who is really a widow, left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day.**

6 **But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.**

7 **These things command, that they may be blameless.**

8 **But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.**

# WHO IS A WIDOW INDEED?

## 1 TIMOTHY 5:9-10

**9 Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, and not unless she has been the wife of one man,**

**10 Well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.**

# WHAT SHOULD THE YOUNGER WIDOWS DO?

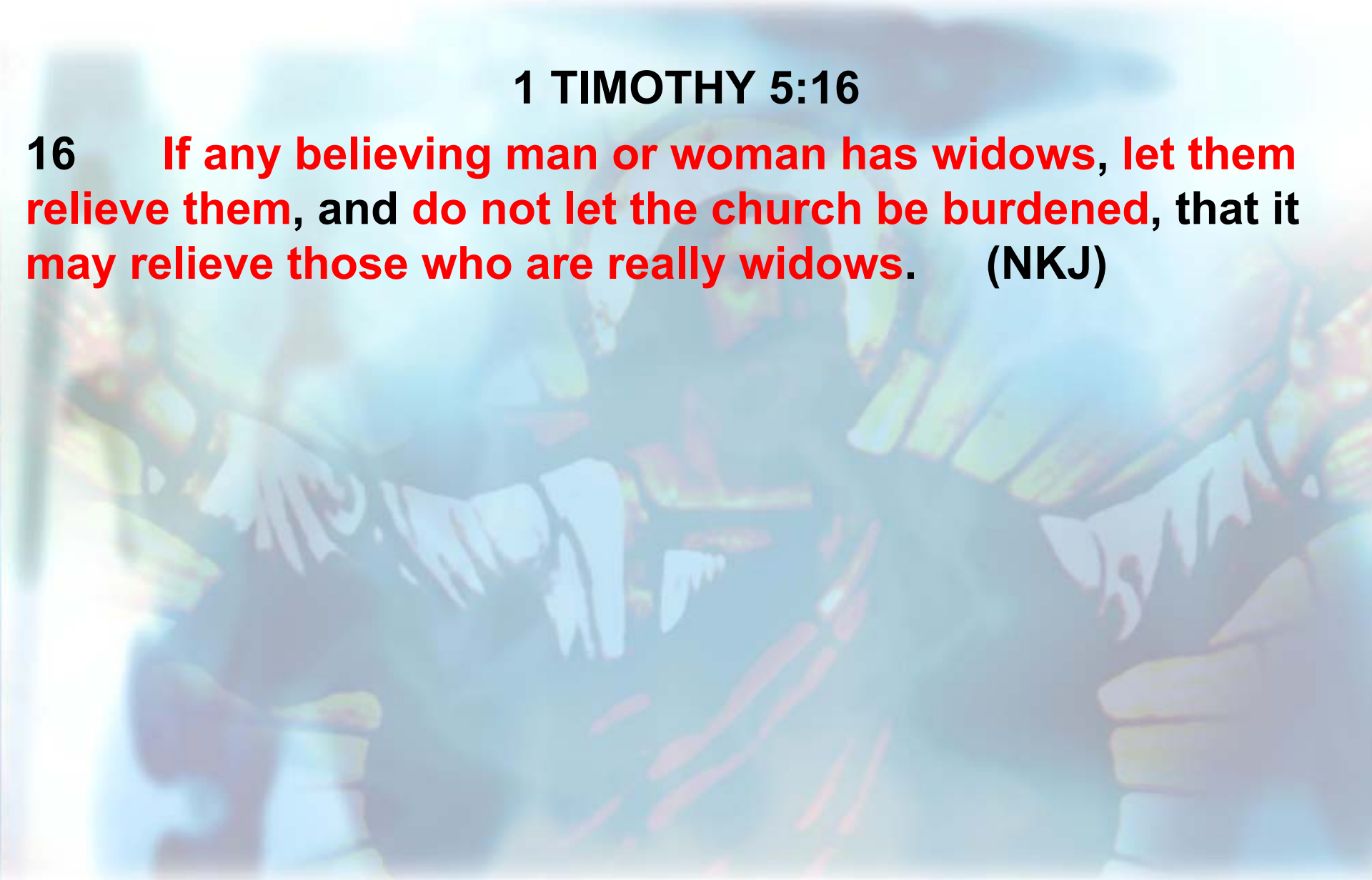
## 1 TIMOTHY 5:11-15

- 11 But **refuse the younger widows**; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry,
- 12 Having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith.
- 13 Besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not.
- 14 Therefore **I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house**, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.
- 15 For some have already turned aside after Satan.

# WHAT SHOULD WE DO FOR THE WIDOWS?

## 1 TIMOTHY 5:16

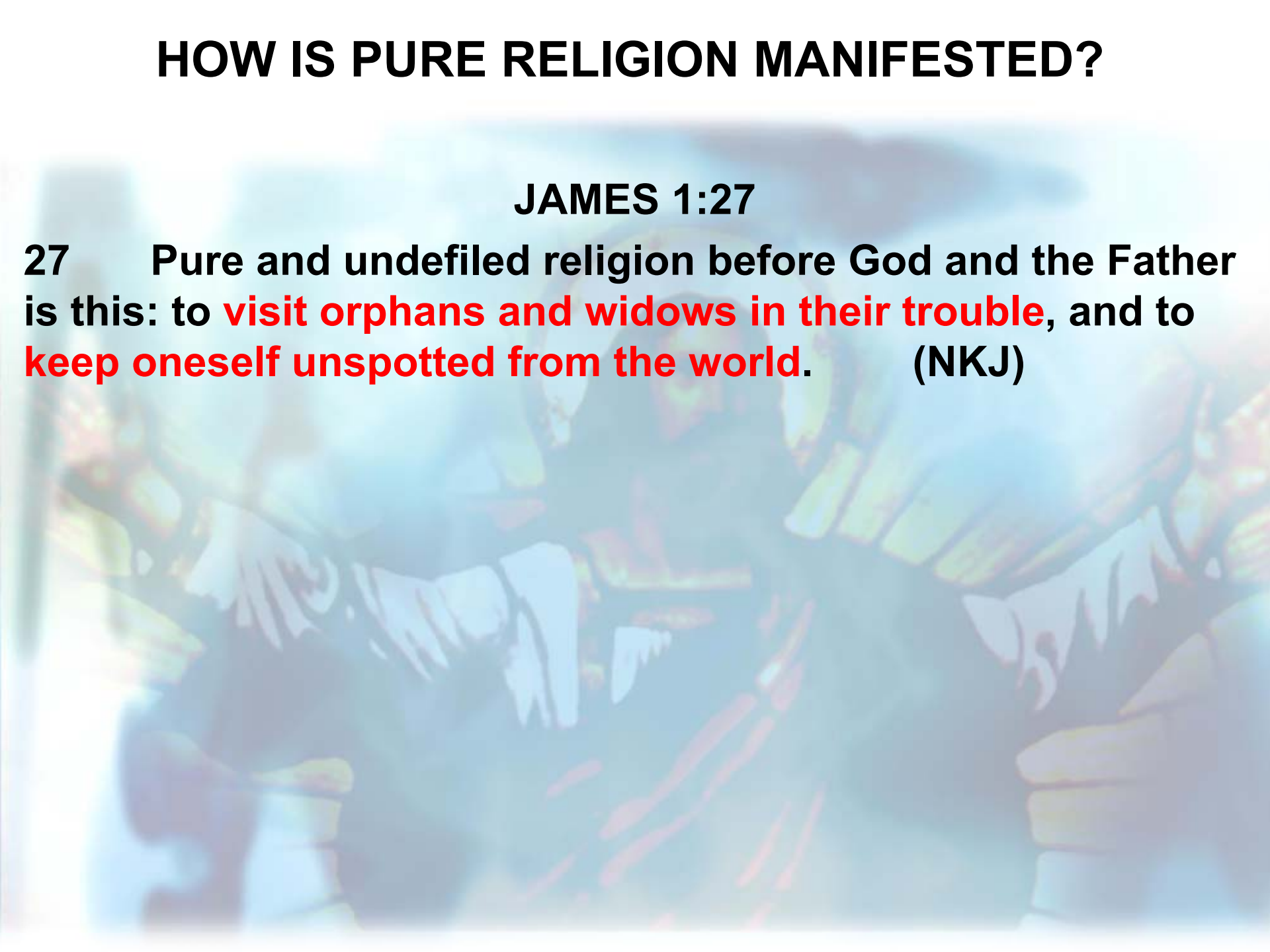
**16 If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows. (NKJ)**



# HOW IS PURE RELIGION MANIFESTED?

**JAMES 1:27**

**27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. (NKJ)**



# WHO SHOULD WE DO GOOD TO?

## GALATIANS 6:9-10

9 **Let us not grow weary while doing good**, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

10 Therefore, **as we have opportunity**, let us **do good to all**, especially **to those who are of the household of faith**.

(NKJ)

