

# Orphan Sunday

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**Martin Luther said, “A religion that gives nothing, cost nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing.”**

**James 1:27 (NIV)**

<sup>27</sup> Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

## 1) Physical Needs

**Deuteronomy 10:18 (NLT)**

<sup>18</sup> He ensures that orphans and widows receive justice. He shows love to the foreigners living among you and gives them food and clothing.

**Matthew 25:35-36 (NLT)**

<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. <sup>36</sup> I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

## 2) Relational Void

**Psalm 68:5-6 (NLT)**

<sup>5</sup> Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy.

<sup>6</sup> God places the lonely in families;

## 3) Spiritual Significance

**Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)**

<sup>5</sup> God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.