**BIBLE VERSES**

**FATHERLESS & WIDOWS**

[**James 1:27**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+1%3A27&version=ESV)

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.

[**Isaiah 1:17**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+1%3A17&version=ESV)

Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

[**Psalm 68:5**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+68%3A5&version=ESV)

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

[**1 Timothy 5:1-6:21**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Timothy+5%3A1-6%3A21&version=ESV)

Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity. Honor widows who are truly widows. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, ...

[**Exodus 22:21-24**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+22%3A21-24&version=ESV)

“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.

[**1 Timothy 5:5**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Timothy+5%3A5&version=ESV)

She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day,

[**Deuteronomy 27:19**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+27%3A19&version=ESV)

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

[**Zechariah 7:9-10**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+7%3A9-10&version=ESV)

“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.”

[**Psalm 146:9**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+146%3A9&version=ESV)

The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

[**Psalm 82:3**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+82%3A3&version=ESV)

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

[**Exodus 22:22**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+22%3A22&version=ESV)

You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child.

[**Deuteronomy 10:18**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+10%3A18&version=ESV)

He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.

[**Jeremiah 49:11**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+49%3A11&version=ESV)

Leave your fatherless children; I will keep them alive; and let your widows trust in me.”

[**Psalm 10:14**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+10%3A14&version=ESV)

But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation, that you may take it into your hands; to you the helpless commits himself; you have been the helper of the fatherless.

[**Lamentations 5:3**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Lamentations+5%3A3&version=ESV)

We have become orphans, fatherless; our mothers are like widows.

[**Deuteronomy 14:28-29**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+14%3A28-29&version=ESV)

“At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.

[**Isaiah 1:23**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+1%3A23&version=ESV)

Your princes are rebels and companions of thieves. Everyone loves a bribe and runs after gifts. They do not bring justice to the fatherless, and the widow's cause does not come to them.

[**John 14:18**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+14%3A18&version=ESV)

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

[**Zechariah 7:10**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+7%3A10&version=ESV)

Do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.”

[**Hosea 14:3**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hosea+14%3A3&version=ESV)

Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride on horses; and we will say no more, ‘Our God,’ to the work of our hands. In you the orphan finds mercy.”

[**Job 29:12**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job+29%3A12&version=ESV)

Because I delivered the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to help him.

[**Deuteronomy 14:29**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+14%3A29&version=ESV)

And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.

[**Isaiah 9:17**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+9%3A17&version=ESV)

Therefore the Lord does not rejoice over their young men, and has no compassion on their fatherless and widows; for everyone is godless and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still.

[**Deuteronomy 24:17**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+24%3A17&version=ESV)

“You shall not pervert the justice due to the sojourner or to the fatherless, or take a widow's garment in pledge,

[**Ezekiel 22:7**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezekiel+22%3A7&version=ESV)

Father and mother are treated with contempt in you; the sojourner suffers extortion in your midst; the fatherless and the widow are wronged in you.

[**Jeremiah 5:28**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+5%3A28&version=ESV)

They have grown fat and sleek. They know no bounds in deeds of evil; they judge not with justice the cause of the fatherless, to make it prosper, and they do not defend the rights of the needy.

[**Psalm 109:9**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+109%3A9&version=ESV)

May his children be fatherless and his wife a widow!

[**Job 6:27**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job+6%3A27&version=ESV)

You would even cast lots over the fatherless, and bargain over your friend.

[**Exodus 22:22-24**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+22%3A22-24&version=ESV)

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.

[**Jeremiah 22:3**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+22%3A3&version=ESV)

Thus says the Lord: Do justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.

[**Proverbs 23:10**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+23%3A10&version=ESV)

Do not move an ancient landmark or enter the fields of the fatherless,

[**Psalm 94:6**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+94%3A6&version=ESV)

They kill the widow and the sojourner, and murder the fatherless;

[**Job 24:3**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job+24%3A3&version=ESV)

They drive away the donkey of the fatherless; they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

[**Job 22:9**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job+22%3A9&version=ESV)

You have sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless were crushed.

[**1 Timothy 5:4**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Timothy+5%3A4&version=ESV)

But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God.

[**1 Timothy 5:3-16**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Timothy+5%3A3-16&version=ESV)

Honor widows who are truly widows. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives. Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach. ...

[**Proverbs 15:25**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+15%3A25&version=ESV)

The Lord tears down the house of the proud but maintains the widow's boundaries.

[**Job 31:16-18**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job+31%3A16-18&version=ESV)

“If I have withheld anything that the poor desired, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail, or have eaten my morsel alone, and the fatherless has not eaten of it (for from my youth the fatherless grew up with me as with a father, and from my mother's womb I guided the widow),

[**Isaiah 10:2**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+10%3A2&version=ESV)

To turn aside the needy from justice and to rob the poor of my people of their right, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey!

[**Isaiah 10:1-2**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+10%3A1-2&version=ESV)

Woe to those who decree iniquitous decrees, and the writers who keep writing oppression, to turn aside the needy from justice and to rob the poor of my people of their right, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey!

[**1 Timothy 5:3**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Timothy+5%3A3&version=ESV)

Honor widows who are truly widows.

[**Luke 21:1-4**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+21%3A1-4&version=ESV)

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

[**Mark 12:41-44**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+12%3A41-44&version=ESV)

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”