SING TO GOD, SING IN PRAISE OF HIS NAME, EXTOL HIM WHO RIDES ON THE CLOUDS; REJOICE BEFORE HIM—HIS NAME IS THE LORD. A FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS, A DEFENDER OF WIDOWS, IS GOD IN HIS HOLY DWELLING.

ISAIAH 68:4-5



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DO NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WIDOW OR THE FATHERLESS. IF YOU DO AND THEY CRY OUT TO ME, I WILL CERTAINLY HEAR THEIR CRY.



FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GOD OF GODS AND LORD OF LORDS, THE GREAT GOD, MIGHTY AND AWESOME, WHO SHOWS NO PARTIALITY AND ACCEPTS NO BRIBES. HE DEFENDS THE CAUSE OF THE FATHERLESS AND THE WIDOW, AND LOVES THE FOREIGNER RESIDING AMONG YOU. GIVING THEM FOOD AND CLOTHING.

DEUTERONOMY 10:17-18



DO NOT DEPRIVE THE FOREIGNER OR THE FATHERLESS OF JUSTICE, OR TAKE THE CLOAK OF THE WIDOW AS A PLEDGE.







## A FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS, A **DEFENDER OF** WIDOWS, IS GOD IN HIS HOLY DWELLING.



THEY CRUSH **YOUR PEOPLE**, LORD; THEY OPPRESS YOUR INHERITANCE. THEY **SLAY THE WIDOW** AND THE FOREIGNER; THEY MURDER THE FATHERLESS.



THE LORD WATCHES OVER THE FOREIGNER AND **SUSTAINS THE FATHERLESS AND THE WIDOW**, BUT HE FRUSTRATES THE WAYS OF THE WICKED.





THEY **DEVOUR WIDOWS' HOUSES** AND FOR A SHOW MAKE LENGTHY PRAYERS. THESE MEN WILL BE **PUNISHED MOST SEVERELY.** 





THE LOGIC IS CLEAR. IF A PERSON HAS GRASPED THE MEANING OF GOD'S GRACE IN HIS HEART, HE WILL DO JUSTICE. IF HE DOESN'T LIVE JUSTLY, THEN HE MAY SAY WITH HIS LIPS THAT HE IS GRATEFUL FOR GOD'S GRACE. BUT IN HIS HEART HE IS FAR FROM HIM. IF HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THE POOR, IT REVEALS THAT AT BEST HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE GRACE HE HAS

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EXPERIENCED, AND AT WORST HE HAS NOT REALLY ENCOUNTERED THE SAVING MERCY OF GOD. GRACE SHOULD MAKE YOU JUST.







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.







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- PRAY THAT THE CHURCH WOULD FULLY EMBODY AND REFLECT GOD'S HEART FOR THEM.



