



B REVEALING WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

Caring for widows and orphans



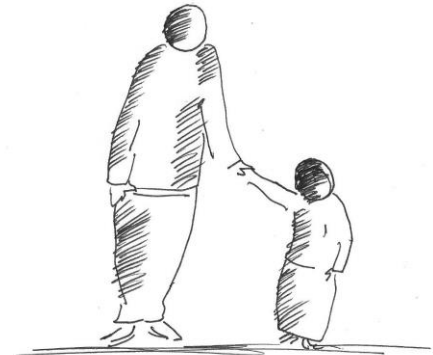
Why use this Bible study?

This Bible study can help us understand our responsibility to help people who are poor or vulnerable.



Loving God with all our heart, soul and strength

Read Deuteronomy 10:12-22. Verses 12–13 echo the great commandment of Deuteronomy 6:5 that Israel should love the Lord their God with all their heart, soul and strength. In verses 14–19 this passage continues to remind Israel about who God is, what he does and what he wants those who believe in him to do. This is repeated twice – each time in a beautifully balanced series of three verses.



Verses 14 and 17 remind us who God is, verses 15 and 18 tell us what God does and verses 16–19 tell us what he wants us to do.



Key points

- God is interested in justice. He is particularly concerned about people who are poor, weak, or vulnerable. He commands us to speak up on their behalf.



Questions for discussion

- What does verse 17 say about how great God is? What does it mean to say that God 'is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty and the awesome God'?
- What does verse 18 tell us about what this great God does?
- Why is God so interested in seeing justice done for orphans, widows and immigrants? God's concern for widows and orphans is also evident in the New Testament. Read James 1:27. How can we look after orphans and widows in our community?

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