

# SCRIPTURES REVEALING HIS HEART FOR THE HURTING

**\* (Don't look at the answers until you've first tried to answer it on your own)**

**Question 1: What are the 2 Books of the Bible named after women? (Don't look!)**

*Answer: Ruth and Esther*

**Question 2: How does this give us a little insight in regard to the Father's Heart for the orphan and widow? (Don't look!)**

*Answer: Ruth was a widow; Esther was an orphan*

\* [Deuteronomy 10:18](#) "He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing."

\* [Deuteronomy 24:17-18](#) "You shall not pervert the justice due an alien or an orphan, nor take a widow's garment in pledge. But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and that the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I am commanding you to do this thing." (Even in the OT Law the Lord made provision to make sure the orphans and widows were cared for. Also, this Scripture goes well with [Luke 6:36](#), "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.")

\* [Deuteronomy 24:19-22](#) "When you reap your harvest in your field and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan and for the widow, in order that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands... You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this thing."

\* [Job 5:9-11](#) "Who does great and unsearchable things, wonders without number. He gives rain on the earth and sends water on the fields, so that He sets on high those who are lowly, and those who mourn are lifted to safety."

\* [Job 29:12-13](#) (Description of Job's life) "I delivered the poor who cried for help, and the orphan who had no helper. The blessing of the one ready to perish came upon me, and I made the widow's heart sing for joy." (one of the main goals for the HOPE Manna Program!)

\* [Psalms 9:9](#) "The Lord also will be a Stronghold for the oppressed, a Stronghold in times of trouble."

\* [Psalms 9:12](#) "He does not forget the cry of the afflicted."

\* [Psalms 9:18](#) "For the needy will not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the afflicted perish forever."

\* [Psalms 10:14](#) "The poor commits *himself* to You; You have been the helper of the orphan."

\* [Psalms 10:17-18 \(NLT\)](#) "LORD, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely you will listen to their cries and comfort them. You will bring justice to the orphans and the oppressed, so people can no longer terrify them."

\* [Psalms 10:17-18 \(NASB\)](#) "O LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble (or "afflicted"); You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear to vindicate the orphan and the oppressed"

\* [Psalms 22:23-24](#) "You who fear the Lord, praise Him; all you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you descendants of Israel. For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; nor has He hidden His face from him; but when he cried to Him for help, He heard."

- \* [Psalms 22:26](#) "The poor (or "afflicted") will eat and be satisfied."
- \* [Psalms 27:10](#) "For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me up."
- \* [Psalms 34:18](#) "The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
- \* [Psalms 35:10](#) "All my bones will say, "LORD, who is like You, Who delivers the afflicted from him who is too strong for him, and the afflicted and the needy from him who robs him?"
- \* [Psalms 37:25](#) "I have been young and now I am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his descendants begging bread."
- \* [Psalms 40:17](#) "But I *am* poor and needy; *yet* the LORD thinks upon me."
- \* [Psalms 68:5-6](#) "A father of the fatherless and a judge for the widows, is God in His holy habitation. God makes a home for the lonely"
- \* [Psalms 69:33](#) "For the LORD hears the needy"
- \* [Psalms 72:12-14](#) "For he will deliver the needy when he cries for help, the afflicted also, and him who has no helper. He will have compassion on the poor and needy, and the lives of the needy he will save. He will rescue their life from oppression and violence, and their blood will be precious in his sight."
- \* [Psalms 82:3-4](#) "Vindicate the weak and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and destitute. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them out of the hand of the wicked."
- \* [Psalms 102:17](#) "He has regarded the prayer of the destitute and has not despised their prayer."
- \* [Psalms 103:6](#) "The LORD performs righteous deeds and judgments for all who are oppressed."
- \* [Psalms 113:5-9](#) "Who is like the LORD our God, Who is enthroned on high, Who humbles Himself to behold *the things that are* in heaven and in the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make *them* sit with princes , with the princes of His people. He makes the barren woman abide in the house *as* a joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD!
- \* [Psalms 138:6](#) "Though the Lord is exalted, yet He has regard for the lowly."
- \* [Psalms 140:12](#) "I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted and justice for the poor."
- \* [Psalms 145:15-16](#) "The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due time. You open Your Hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing."
- \* [Psalms 146:5](#) "How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God."
- \* [Psalms 146:7](#) "Who executes justice for the oppressed; Who gives food to the hungry."
- \* [Psalms 146:8](#) "The LORD raises up those who are bowed down"
- \* [Psalms 146:9](#) "He supports the fatherless and the widow"
- \* [Psalms 147:3](#) "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

- \* [Psalms 147:6](#) "The LORD supports (or "relieves") the afflicted"
- \* [Proverbs 15:25](#) "The Lord will tear down the house of the proud, but He will establish the boundary of the widow."
- \* [Proverbs 23:10-11](#) "Do not move the ancient boundary or go into the fields of the fatherless, for their Redeemer is strong; He will plead their case against you."
- \* [Isaiah 25:4](#) "For You have been a defense for the helpless, a defense for the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat..."
- \* [Jeremiah 5:28-29](#) "They (His people in Judah) do not plead the cause, the cause of the orphan, that they may prosper; and they do not defend the rights of the poor. Shall I not punish these people?' declares the Lord..."
- \* [Hosea 14:3](#) "For in You the orphan finds mercy."
- \* [Luke 7:12-13](#) "...a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow...When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her..." (so we see, and do we feel?)
- \* [John 14:18](#) "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." (Jesus knew the fear, insecurity and loneliness of the orphan. Let's pray we can be more like Him)
- \* [Acts 6:1](#) "Now at this time while the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose...because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food."
- \* [1 Timothy 5:5](#) "Now she who is a widow indeed and who has been left alone, has fixed her hope on God..." (and how does He usually meet their need, but through His people?)
- \* [James 1:27](#) "Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."