

~FATHERLESS BOY (265)

.. Loving Concern For Orphans Among God's People

- With no man in the house to support them and to protect their interests, the fatherless boy, or orphan, and the widow might more easily become subject to oppression and difficulties.
- Their welfare was, therefore, provided for under the Law, which ensured justice for the fatherless boy, the widow, and the alien resident and also included provisions for their sustenance.
- You people must not afflict any widow or **fatherless** boy. ([Exodus 22:22](#))
- If you should afflict him at all, then if he cries out to me at all, I shall unfailingly hear his outcry. ([Exodus 22:23](#))
- And my anger will indeed blaze, and I shall certainly kill you with the sword, and your wives must become widows and your sons **fatherless** boys. ([Exodus 22:24](#))
- You must not pervert the judgment of the alien resident or of the **fatherless** boy, and you must not seize the garment of a widow as a pledge. ([Deuteronomy 24:17](#))
- Gleanings left in the field, on the olive tree, and in the vineyard were available to these poor ones.
- In case you reap your harvest in your field, and you have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you must not go back to get it. It should stay for the alien resident, for the **fatherless** boy and for the widow, in order, that Yehowah your God may bless you in every deed of your hand. ([Deuteronomy 24:19](#))
- In case you beat your olive tree, you must not go over its boughs following up yourself. It should stay for the alien resident, for the **fatherless** boy and for the widow. ([Deuteronomy 24:20](#))
- In case you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you must not gather the leftovers following up yourself. They should stay for the alien resident, for the **fatherless** boy and for the widow. ([Deuteronomy 24:21](#))

- A special invitation was extended to them to participate in the bounteous yearly Festival of Ingathering, Festival of Booths, during which they could enjoy the feasting that accompanied the celebration.
- Seven weeks you should count for yourself. From when the sickle is first put to the standing grain you will start to count seven weeks. ([Deuteronomy 16:9](#))
- Then you must celebrate the festival of weeks to Yehowah your God, according to the voluntary offering of your hand that you will give, just as Yehowah your God may bless you. ([Deuteronomy 16:10](#))
- And you must rejoice before Yehowah your God, you and your son and your daughter and your man slave and your slave girl and the Levite who is inside your gates and the alien resident and the **fatherless** boy and the widow, who are in your midst, in the place that Yehowah your God will choose to have his name reside there. ([Deuteronomy 16:11](#))
- And you must remember that you became a slave in Egypt, and you must observe and carry out these regulations. ([Deuteronomy 16:12](#))
- The festival of booths you should celebrate for yourself seven days when you make an ingathering from your threshing floor and your oil and winepress. ([Deuteronomy 16:13](#))
- And you must rejoice during your festival, you and your son and your daughter and your man slave and your slave girl and the Levite and the alien resident and the **fatherless** boy and the widow, who are inside your gates. ([Deuteronomy 16:14](#))
- Every third year the special tithe that the Israelites normally ate at Jerusalem was deposited within the gates of their home cities. From this tithe the **fatherless** boy was legally entitled to a portion.
- At the end of three years you will bring out the entire tenth part of your produce in that year, and you must deposit it inside your gates. ([Deuteronomy 14:28](#))
- And the Levite, because he has no share or inheritance with you, and the alien resident and the **fatherless** boy and the widow, who

are inside your gates, must come, and they must eat and satisfy themselves, in order, that Yehowah your God may bless you in every deed of your hand that you will do. ([Deuteronomy 14:29](#))

- When you finish with tithing the entire tenth of your produce in the third year, the year of the tenth, you must also give it to the Levite, the alien resident, the **fatherless** boy and the widow, and they must eat it within your gates and satisfy themselves. ([Deuteronomy 26:12](#))
- And you must say before Yehowah your God, I have cleared away what is holy from the house and I have also given it to the Levite and the alien resident, the **fatherless** boy and the widow, in accord with all your commandment that you have commanded me. I have not overstepped your commandments, nor have I forgotten. ([Deuteronomy 26:13](#))

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- Since it was easy to lose sight of these bereaved and defenseless ones, Yehowah used the expression **fatherless** boy in describing the degree of Israel's righteousness or of its deviation therefrom.
- When the nation was enjoying good spiritual health, the **fatherless** boy was cared for. When justice became perverted in the land, the fatherless boy was sure to be neglected, and this was a symptom of national decay.
- Be judges for the lowly one and the **fatherless** boy. To the afflicted one and the one of little means do justice. ([Psalms 82:3](#))
- The widow and the alien resident they kill, and the **fatherless** boys they murder. ([Psalms 94:6](#))
- Learn to do good. Search for justice. Set right the oppressor. Render judgment for the **fatherless** boy. Plead the cause of the widow. ([Isaiah 1:17](#))
- Your princes are stubborn and partners with thieves. Every one of them is a lover of a bribe and a chaser after gifts. For a **fatherless** boy they do not render judgment, and even the legal case of a widow does not get admittance to them. ([Isaiah 1:23](#))
- For if you will positively make your ways and your dealings good,

if you will positively carry out justice between a man and his companion. (**Jeremiah 7:5**)

- If no alien resident, no **fatherless** boy and no widow you will oppress, and innocent blood you will not shed in this place, and after other gods you will not walk for calamity to yourselves. (**Jeremiah 7:6**)
- I, in turn, shall certainly keep you residing in this place, in the land that I gave to your forefathers, from time indefinite even to time indefinite. (**Jeremiah 7:7**)
- This is what Yehowah has said; Render justice and righteousness, and deliver the one that is being robbed out of the hand of the defrauder, and do not maltreat any alien resident, **fatherless** boy or widow. Do them no violence. And do not shed any innocent blood in this place. (**Jeremiah 22:3**)
- Father and mother they have treated with contempt in you. Toward the alien resident they have acted with defrauding in the midst of you. **Fatherless** boy and widow they have maltreated in you. (**Ezekiel 22:7**)
- This is what Yehowah of armies has said; With true justice do your judging, and carry on with one another loving-kindness and mercies. (**Zechariah 7:9**)
- And defraud no widow or **fatherless** boy, no alien resident or afflicted one, and scheme out nothing bad against one another in your hearts. (**Zechariah 7:10**)
- But they kept refusing to pay attention, and they kept giving a stubborn shoulder, and their ears they made too unresponsive to hear. (**Zechariah 7:11**)
- And I will come near to you people for the judgment, and I will become a speedy witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against those swearing falsely, and against those acting fraudulently with the wages of a wage worker, with the widow and with the **fatherless** boy, and those turning away the alien resident, while they have not feared me, Yehowah of armies has said. (**Malachi 3:5**)
- Yehowah's curse was on those who oppressed the **fatherless** boy.

- Cursed is the one who perverts the judgment of an alien resident, a **fatherless** boy and a widow. And all the people must say; Amen! (**Deuteronomy 27:19**)
- Woe to those who are enacting harmful regulations and those who, constantly writing, have written out sheer trouble. (**Isaiah 10:1**)
- In order to push away the lowly ones from a legal case and to wrest away justice from the afflicted ones of my people, for the widows to become their spoil, and that they may plunder even the **fatherless** boys! (**Isaiah 10:2**)
- Yehowah describes himself as the Redeemer.
- Do not move back the boundary of long ago, and into the field of **fatherless** boys do not enter. (**Proverbs 23:10**)
- For their Redeemer is strong. He himself will plead their cause with you. (**Proverbs 23:11**)
- Helper.
- For you yourself have seen trouble and vexation. You keep looking on, to get them into your hand. To you the unfortunate one, the **fatherless** boy, commits himself. You yourself have become his helper. (**Psalms 10:14**)
- Father.
- A father of **fatherless** boys and a judge of widows is God in his holy dwelling. (**Psalms 68:5**)
- Of such ones. He is the One executing judgment in their behalf.
- For Yehowah your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the God great, mighty and fear-inspiring, who treats none with partiality nor accepts a bribe. (**Deuteronomy 10:17**)
- Executing judgment for the **fatherless** boy and the widow and loving the alien resident so as to give him bread and a mantle. (**Deuteronomy 10:18**)

- **Showing them mercy,**
- **Assyria itself will not save us. Upon horses we shall not ride. And no more shall we say; O our God! to the work of our hands, because it is by you that a **fatherless** boy is shown mercy. (Hosea 14:3)**
- **Giving them relief,**
- **Yehowah is guarding the alien residents, the **fatherless** boy and the widow he relieves, but the way of the wicked ones he makes crooked. (Psalms 146:9)**
- **Preserving them alive.**
- **Do leave your **fatherless** boys. I myself shall preserve them alive, and your own widows will trust even in me. (Jeremiah 49:11)**
- **One of the identifying marks of real Christianity is its consideration for those bereaved by loss of husband or parents. The disciple James writes to Christians.**
- **The form of worship that is clean and undefiled from the standpoint of our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their tribulation, and to keep oneself without spot from the world. (James 1:27)**
- **The **Greek** word for orphan **Greek**, *or-pha-nos'* is used in a figurative sense in;**
- **I shall not leave you bereaved. I am coming to you. (John 14:18)**
- **And is variously rendered desolate, **AS**, forlorn, **Mo**, friendless, **AT**, and bereaved. **NW**, **Yg****