

James 1:27~ The form of worship¹ that is clean and undefiled from the standpoint of our God and Father is this. To look after orphans² and widows in their tribulation, and to keep oneself without spot from the world.

Footnote: Form of worship Greek, *thre-skei'a*; Latin, *re-li'gi-o*, religion

Footnote: Or, bereaved ones

- 1• **What really does true worship mean today? James makes it plain, for it is to look after needy ones like orphans and widows and homeless people and the poor, or those in tribulation. Also it is to keep oneself without even a spot from the filthy unclean world we live in, which is ruled over by Satan the Devil. You must be holy, for I am holy!**

[Question] What are the two most important aspects of true worship before God?

- 2• **Wash yourselves. Make yourselves clean. Remove the badness of your dealings from in front of my eyes. Cease to do bad. (Isaiah 1:16)**

[Question] What does Yehowah God counsel his people through Isaiah?

- 3• **Really the objective of this mandate is love, out of a clean heart, and out of a good conscience, and out of faith without hypocrisy. (1 Timothy 1:5)**

[Question] What should anointed Christians express out of a clean heart and a good conscience?

- 4• **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)**

[Question] What was to happen during the yearly festivals to Yehowah God respecting the poor and widows and orphans?

- 5• **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)**

[Question] What would happen to anyone perverting the judgment of the needy?

- 6· **For I would rescue the afflicted one crying for help, and the fatherless boy and anyone that had no helper. (Job 29:12)**

[Question] How did righteous Job feel about those in need, even though he was a rich man?

- 7· **A father of fatherless boys and a judge of widows is God in his holy dwelling. (Psalms 68:5)**

[Question] What kind of a God is Yehowah God toward those in need?

- 8· **The blessing of the one about to perish, upon me it would come, and the heart of the widow I would make glad. (Job 29:13)**

[Question] How did Job respond to the needs of widows?

- 9· **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)**

[Question] How does Isaiah counsel God's people to righteous acts?

- 10· **Honor widows that are actually widows. (1 Timothy 5:3)**

[Question] Who should the Christian congregation honor through kind assistance to them?

- 11· **Is it not the dividing of your bread out to the hungry one, and that you should bring the afflicted, homeless people into your house? That, in case you should see someone naked, you must cover him, and that you should not hide yourself from your own flesh? (Isaiah 58:7)**

[Question] What kind of fasting is righteous in God's eyes?

- 12· **Clear away the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, according as you are free from ferment. For, indeed, Christ our passover has been sacrificed. (1 Corinthians 5:7)**

[Question] What should anointed Christians leave completely from their old way of life?

- 13· **And I heard another voice out of heaven say; Get out of her, my people, if you do not want to share with her in her sins, and if you do not want to receive part of her plagues. (Revelation 18:4)**

[Question] Whom should anointed Christians get far away from, and why?

- 14· **Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever, therefore, wants to be a friend of the world is constituting himself an enemy of God. (James 4:4)**

[Question] What makes one an enemy of God?

- 15· **You people must not afflict any widow or fatherless boy. (Exodus 22:22)**

[Question] What command did Yehowah God give to his people?

- 16· **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)**

[Question] How did Yehowah command them to watch out for the needs of all?

- 17· **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)**

[Question] Who were to come to the annual festivals, and what were they all to experience there, before a gracious God?

- 18· **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)**

[Question] What was to be done with excesses at the temple?

- 19· **Let your eyes be on the field that they will harvest, and you must go with them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? When you are thirsty, you must also go to the vessels and drink from what the young men will draw. (Ruth 2:9)**

[Question] What provisions did righteous Boaz make for the fine woman Ruth who came to glean in his fields?

- 20· **And she went on to say; These six measures of barley he gave me, for he said to me; Do not come empty-handed to your mother-in-law. (Ruth 3:17)**

[Question] What additional things did he give her for her mother-in-law?

- 21· **To this the king said to her; What is the matter with you? To this she said; For a fact I am a widowed woman, now that my husband is dead. (2 Samuel 14:5)**

[Question] How did a widow plead for the life of her son before the king?

- 22· **At this Elisha said to her; What shall I do for you? Tell me; what do you have in the house? To this she said; Your maidservant has nothing at all in the house, but a spouted jar of oil. (2 Kings 4:2)**

[Question] How did the prophet Elijah deal with a widow with whom he took up lodging?

- 23· **And he came to be the caretaker of Hadassah, that is, Esther, the daughter of his father's brother, for she had neither father nor mother, and the young woman was pretty in form and beautiful in appearance, and at the death of her father and her mother, Mordecai took her as his daughter. (Esther 2:7)**

[Question] How did Mordecai take care of the orphan Esther when her father died?

- 24· **I was a real father to the poor ones, and the legal case of one whom I did not know, I would examine it. (Job 29:16)**

[Question] How did Job act righteously toward the poor ones and their legal cases?

- 25· **And I used to eat my morsel by myself, while the fatherless boy did not eat from it (Job 31:17)**

[Question] Did Job share his food with the poor and fatherless boys in need?

- 26· **The purpose is that you may walk in the way of good people and that the paths of the righteous ones you may keep. (Proverbs 2:20)**

[Question] What is Yehowah God's purpose for mankind on the earth?

- 27· **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)**

[Question] What did many wicked judges within Israel in Isaiah's day do as wrong treatment of those in need?

- 28· **Every one will certainly become ashamed of a people that bring no benefit to one, that are of no help and bring no benefit, but are a reason for shame and also a cause for reproach. (Isaiah 30:5)**

[Question] How had Israel become like a people who bring no benefit, by not making spiritual progress toward godliness?

- 29· **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)**

[Question] What were some of the requirements of Yehowah God toward his people, for them to stay in the Promised Land?

- 30· **Do leave your fatherless boys. I myself shall preserve them alive, and your own widows will trust even in me. (Jeremiah 49:11)**

[Question] Who ultimately will look after and care for, the fatherless boys and orphans and widows?

- 31· **And Yehowah went on to say; Just like this the sons of Israel will eat their bread unclean among the nations to which I shall disperse them. (Ezekiel 4:13)**

[Question] What would Yehowah God do to his people who failed to make spiritual progress in righteousness?

- 32· **The people of the land themselves have carried on a scheme of defrauding, and have done a tearing away in robbery, and the afflicted one and the poor one they have maltreated, and the alien resident they have defrauded without justice. (Ezekiel 22:29)**

[Question] What was the spiritual condition of Israel during Ezekiel's day?

- 33· **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)**

[Question] Who shows the fatherless boys mercy?

- 34· **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)**

[Question] Who were the Israelites counseled not to oppress?

- 35· **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)**

[Question] Who did Yehowah God promise to become a speedy witness against, if they acted wrongly toward whom?

- 36· **Therefore Jesus, knowing they were about to come and seize him to make him king, withdrew again into the mountain all alone. (John 6:15)**

[Question] How did Jesus Christ react to people's attempt to make him an earthly king?

- 37· Now in these days, when the disciples were increasing, a murmuring arose on the part of the Greek-speaking Jews against the Hebrew-speaking Jews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution. (Acts of Apostles 6:1)

[Question] What problem occurred in the early First Century Christian congregation?

- 38· Through the proof that this ministry gives, they glorify God because you are submissive to the Good News about the Christ, as you publicly declare you are, and because you are generous in your contribution to them and to all. (2 Corinthians 9:13)

[Question] How did the members of the early First Century Christian congregation demonstrate their generous nature through kind giving?

- 39· Now the woman who is actually a widow and left destitute has put her hope in God, and she persists in supplications and prayers night and day. (1 Timothy 5:5)

[Question] Whom does the true widow put her exclusive trust in?

- 40· Having a witness borne to her for fine works, if she reared children, if she entertained strangers, if she washed the feet of holy ones, if she relieved those in tribulation, if she diligently followed every good work. (1 Timothy 5:10)

[Question] What should widows that the congregation supports have as a record of fine works preceding them?

- 41· If any believing woman has widows, let her relieve them, and let the congregation not be under the burden. Then it can relieve those who are actually widows. (1 Timothy 5:16)

[Question] Who is first and foremost responsible, for taking care of her widows?

- 42· To work at good, to be rich in fine works, to be liberal, ready to share. (1 Timothy 6:18)

[Question] What are anointed Christians encouraged to be like?

- 43· Thus, too, faith, if it does not have works, is dead in itself.

(James 2:17)

[Question] Is faith without works alive?

- 44· Nevertheless, you do have a few names in Sardis that did not defile their outer garments, and they shall walk with me in white ones, because they are worthy. (Revelation 3:4)**

[Question] How should anointed Christians treat their holy garments as they walk in Christian service?

- 45· These are the ones that did not defile themselves with women, in fact, they are virgins. These are the ones that keep following the Lamb no matter where he goes. These were bought from among mankind as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. (Revelation 14:4)**

[Question] How are anointed Christians described in the Revelation and who alone as a man on earth do they follow, remaining chaste?

[Question] What do they become toward God as a result?

- 46· Yes, it has been granted to her to be arrayed in bright, clean, fine linen, for the fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the holy ones. (Revelation 19:8)**

[Question] How is the bride of Jesus Christ portrayed in Revelation, and what do her fine linen garments represent?

