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# Orphans Among Us

James 1:27

Theme: *Remember the Orphans*

- I. WHAT IS ORPHAN SUNDAY?
- II. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ORPHANS?
- III. INFO ABOUT ORPHANS WORLDWIDE
- IV. WHAT CAN I/WE DO?



# I. WHAT IS ORPHAN SUNDAY?

- Lusaka, Zambia 2002: Pastor Billy Chondwe
  - This became a widespread “movement” throughout Zambia, Africa and now the world.
- Focus: take “*one day, with one voice, and one purpose*” of prayer, giving and remembering the orphans.
  - To simply do what we can collectively for *orphans among us!*
- So why just “one day” (there’s 364 more in a year) and why just “orphans”?
  - Why not?



## II. WHAT'S THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ORPHANS?

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  - He “executes justice” for the orphan: Deut 10:17-19



## **Deuteronomy 10:17-19**

“For the LORD your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality, nor take a bribe. He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing. So show your love for the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. And I saw that wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness.”



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## Deuteronomy 14:28-29, 24:19-22

“At the end of every third year you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in that year, and shall deposit it in your town. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance among you, and the alien, the orphan and the widow who are in your town, shall come and eat and be satisfied, in order that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.”

"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. When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow. When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not go over it again; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow. And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this thing.”



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“Learn to do good; Seek justice, Reprove the ruthless; Defend the orphan, Plead for the widow.”



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## Hosea 14:3

“Assyria will not save us, we will not ride on horses; nor will we say again, 'Our god,' to the work of our hands; For in Thee the orphan finds mercy.””



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- God's Adoption Plan: Every believer was an “orphan”
  - Eph 1:5, 2:12-13 “*predestined us to adoption*”
  - Gal 4”4-7 “*redeemed by Christ*”
  - Rom 8:15-18 “*children of God*”
  - John 14:8 “*I will not leave you as orphans*”



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## **James 1:27**

“This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress...”



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“Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability they gave of their own accord, begging us with much entreaty for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God. Consequently we urged Titus that as he had previously made a beginning, so he would also complete in you this gracious work as well.”





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  - **Love is *action***



### III. ABOUT ORPHANS: Statistics & Info

- Orphans

- There are 153,000,000 children that have lost at least one parent
- Of those 17,800,000 children that have lost BOTH parents
- **US Foster Kids:** those whose parents are either dead or incapable of safely caring for their own children
  - 415,000 in US Foster care system (2014)
  - 110,000 of Foster kids waiting for adoption



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- Trafficking for slavery and sex
  - 20.9 million victims of trafficking world-wide, 50% are under 18
  - Over 1 million children are trafficked each year
  - Approx 750,000 children are traffic victims in USA



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- Hunger Worldwide (orphans included)
  - Hunger and malnutrition is #1 killer in world, more than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined
  - 854 million people worldwide are malnourished (based on 2,000 calories/day)
  - **300 million of them are children**
  - *Average* industrial nations daily food expenditure is \$10/person
    - Food for Orphans *feed people for 25¢/meal*



## Conclusion:

### What can I/we do about the plight of orphans and at-risk kids?

- DON'T FORGET THE ORPHANS!
- Pray purposefully for a particular person/group/need
  - Christian Adoptive Services: African Child Sponsorship
  - Food for Orphans
  - DHS (Department of Human Services)
  - CAFO (Christian Alliance For Orphans)
- Give as you can towards that particular person/group/need
- Help with time anyway you can in support of that person/group/need