

“Pure Religion”

(James 1:21-27)

Introduction

- **How do you know that you are religious.**
- **Is it the number of services you attend?**
- **Is it the amount of Bible knowledge you possess?**
- **Is it the number of people you have evangelized?**

The Contrast is one of Pure Religion

- **We must examine ourselves.**
(2 Cor. 13:5)
- **We must let God examine us.**
(1 Cor. 4:5)
- **We must not think too highly of ourselves.**
(Rom. 12:3)

**God has always cared for the
orphans and widows.**

- (Isa. 58:3, 10-11) Give yourselves to yourselves to the hungry.**
- (Lev. 19:18) Love you neighbor...**
- (Ps. 68:5,6) A father of the fatherless**
- (Ex. 22:22-24) Do not afflict a widow or orphan.**
- (Dt. 10:17,18; 14:28,29) Eat and be satisfied.**

What does PURE Religion look like?

- **Caring for the orphans demonstrates...**
 - **True Faith (James 2:14-17)**
 - **True Love (1 John 3:17-19)**

Take away

- **Wash yourselves, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.**

(Is. 1:16-17)

- **We must be merciful as our heavenly Father is merciful.**

(Lk. 6:36)

**Suffer the little children
to come unto me...**

**For such is the
Kingdom of
Heaven!**