



**I AM
TROUBLE**

A call to widows to disturb the status quo

*"Yet because this widow doth give me trouble,
I will do her justice.."*

Luke 18:5 (YLT)

THE PROMISES, PROTECTION
AND AUTHORITY OF WIDOWHOOD

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DEDICATION

This book must be dedicated to one of the greatest men to ever walk this earth, my husband, Dr. Clifford E. Turner. I cannot express in words what he meant to me, what he gave me, and what he left for me. Even in death, because of his insight, foresight, and vision, many are still receiving the new, the next and the now from his words of wisdom, prophecies, books, sermons, and innumerable memories that are forever in our hearts. He would often announce that when he died, I could live off the memories. One thing is for sure, his memory is still bringing life to the masses. I will love you forever, and I am forever grateful that God chose me to be by your side for the last 21 years of your life.

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INTRODUCTION

Widowhood is a realm unlike any other. A widow's world changes on every level, mentally, emotionally, socially, financially and spiritually. Being "single" after widowhood differs from being single in any other fashion.

Firstly, being single (as in never married) is like being a virgin. Once it is gone, you never truly can return to it because you will always carry your experience in your soul. Singleness is sacred. treat it as such....and carefully

consider who you will “carry” for the rest of your life....

After divorce or widowhood, singleness is quite unique, as the ripping apart of your heart, mind, emotions, property and sometimes even your identity, creates another aspect of your existence, therefore negating any idea of “singleness” as the layers of your soul and experiences have been altered forever. Your life as you have known it and even imagined it, has now been destroyed and the rebuilding process begins.

God has made it clear in His word his concern for the widow.

Psalm 68:5 says “A father of the fatherless and a judge for the widows, is God in his holy habitation. Dueteronomy 10:18 says “he executes justice for the orphan and the widow....” In Malachi 3:5 God says I will be quick to testify against those who oppress the widows....

So, God says he is the judge the jury and the witness for the widow!

GOD COMMANDS FOR THE WIDOWS TO BE HONORED, AND NOT OPPRESSED.

So why are 50% of widows in poverty? How is it that even those who name the name of our Lord Jesus, seem to ignore the plight of

the widows? You will be hard pressed to find a widow ministry in the average church. Many former wives of pastors and leaders are quickly thrown out, discarded, and mistreated upon the death of their spouse. How can this be among the redeemed? Practically every scripture that speaks about the poor, speaks about the widow.

Isaiah 1:17 commands us to plead for the widow. This is the responsibility of every believer, particularly to attend to those who are “widows indeed” according 1 Timothy 5:3.

However, the intention of this book is to stir up the voices and the authority of the widow, a strength that only comes through the conduit of death. John 12:24 says “...except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone.”

Just like our salvation, there is a life (zoe) that is created from death that “bringeth forth much fruit.”

We see throughout scripture, particularly in the new testament, that the widow was commended for her faithfulness (Luke 2:36-38), her giving (Luke 21:1-4) and her tenacity (Luke 18:1-8). There is a perseverance, a proper perspective on life, things, and an

attitude of “nothing else to lose” that can empower a widow that decides to walk in their God ordained season. I believe this power helped to fuel Anna’s relentless faithfulness to the house of God and prayer, the poor widows’ willingness to give out of her poverty, and the widow needing justice refusing to relent before the judge.

Much like the widow that pleaded her case before the unrighteous judge, the widows must begin to plead their case before the courts of heaven, and on earth, putting our righteous God in remembrance of His word. How much more will our

father in heaven hear us? The unrighteous judge declared “because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her...”

Luke 18

7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

8 i tell you that he will avenge them speedily.

The widows must arise. Our voices are necessary for our deliverance. We cannot be afraid to “trouble” (parecho) our father in heaven or the injustices in the earth. This greek word means to present oneself, hold near, and to

cling to our father and king, until we have been avenged.

My prayer is that every widow will gain strength, power, and encouragement to recognize their right to accept, acknowledge, and identify with **I AM TROUBLE.**

1 ONLY GOD ESTABLISHES YOUR BORDERS

THE LORD WILL DESTROY THE HOUSE OF THE PROUD, BUT
HE WILL ESTABLISH THE BOUNDARY OF THE WIDOW.
PROVERBS 15:25

The death of a spouse can make you feel helpless, hapless and hopeless. It is one of the most devastating events that can happen in a person's life. Per the Life Change Index Scale and several other studies, the death of a spouse is considered the most stressful life event that one encounters. This type of devastation impacts us psychologically and physically,

even to the point that there is a “**widowhood effect**” which is the increase in probability of a person dying in a relatively short time after their long-time spouse has died, generally within a three-month period.

Obviously with this level of vulnerability, shock, and devastation, the last thing that a widow feels are security, protection and safety. The enemy of death has just snatched the most important person, the only one in life that can be counted as the same “one”, so the rush of emotions of widows/widowers are diametrically opposed to any

sense of assurance, shelter or certainty. However, God steps in to the situation of the widow and vows that He will establish the boundary of the widow. The word establish is the Hebrew word *natsab* which means to fix, stand erect, to establish, and be set over the boundary (territory, region) of the widow. So, God makes a vow that in this state of great confusion, havoc, and ruin, He oversees the divine protection of the territory, assignment and authority of the widow.

This promise is preceded by the acknowledgement that God will destroy the house of the proud, those who are arrogant, self-

sufficient, and without reverence of His love and grace towards them. When our spouse has been taken from us, because of the covenant that God himself established, that He is part of, He steps in.

“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” Genesis 2:24

You see this covenant was God’s idea. Becoming one flesh originated with Him. So, although the entrance of sin through disobedience was the actual source of the death and devastation of widowhood, in his

loving-kindness and tender mercies, God retains his responsibility in the holy union that He alone established. God made the man and the woman one flesh, and there is no other relationship other than husband and wife that was created to be intertwined, as one person. This is the only relationship that God says, “let no man put asunder”. Thus, because of the covenant and declaration that God established in marriage, He also has made a commitment when that covenant ends through death, that He will stand up and be your protection because he knows the depth of the tearing away of the only person on earth

that He created for you to be as
“one”.

So, at the time when it feels like all is lost and life seems to make no sense, God then establishes the territory, authority and boundaries of the widow. God lets us know in Isaiah 54 “thy maker is thy husband”. So just as a husband bands the house, God commits to protect, establish, define, identify and rise in the house of the widow.

I believe there is a favor on the widow, that cannot come any other way. Why? Because other situations like poverty, even orphans are not under a covenant

that God ordained. Children are raised up to leave their parents. “Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother”. So, although these situations are also difficult, it is only the death of a spouse that God proclaimed in Genesis 2:24, “and they shall be one flesh”.

In the most tumultuous season of your life, God will establish, define and stretch you forth in territories, assignments and purpose that you would have never imagined. These are spaces and places that have been only reserved for the widow. Now is the time to look around and see how far reaching and expanded your life purpose has become.

Your territory has just been enlarged. It is not something you would have ever chosen; it has chosen you. If you will open your eyes and ears and allow Holy Spirit to speak to you expressly, you will begin to see the higher calling, the expanded purpose and what seems like a destiny by detour, but is an established place that God has for you to be enlarged and to expand His Kingdom.

Do not allow anyone or anything to limit your dreams, expectations or aspirations.

What you thought you could only accomplish with your spouse, may just be ordained for this season where God alone shows

forth his favor towards you and establishes himself as the ruler of your boundaries!

PRAYER

Father I thank you that even in this place of devastation and transition, I will not limit myself or you. Establish the borders of my life, enlarge my territory in Jesus' Name.

2 GOD EXECUTES JUSTICE ON YOUR BEHALF

HE ADMINISTERS JUSTICE FOR THE FATHERLESS
AND THE WIDOW... DEUTERONOMY 10:18

Orphans, the poor, and widows are on the heart of God. God is concerned about the plight of the disadvantaged and the broken hearted. Psalm 34:18 says that he is “near to the brokenhearted”.

Know that God knows, understands and cares how the widows heart has been torn apart, and vows his divine protection concerning them.

Psalm 89:14 says that “justice and judgment are the habitation of

thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.” The foundation of the throne of God is justice. Deuteronomy 10:18 literally translates that He becomes (administers) justice for the widow! God says to the widow I AM your justice. If God be for you, it is more than the world against you!

In our most devastating hour, when it seems as if all is lost and that everything is falling apart, and that nothing will ever be as it was-----God steps in and becomes our justice, our authority, our judicatory power! How soothing and comforting to know that God Almighty vows to take a special and complete role

on the behalf of the hurting.

Although we still must live through the pain, process it and properly place it, because it is real and it is part of life and even the kingdom process, we have assured protection from our heavenly father.

So why are so many widows impoverished, mistreated, indigent, and ignored? How could this be? Well, Isaiah 1:17 (AMP) gives us a glimpse:

“Learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the ruthless, defend the fatherless, plead for the [rights of the] widow [in court].”

Just like in the natural, justice does not generally come without a fight. As a matter of fact, the execution of justice is an indicator of injustice or inequities being in existence to require its administration. God has declared he becomes justice, however, we need to seek Him. To seek justice, we seek Him, true justice is never outside of Him. He said to seek justice and correct oppression. We all still have a role in ensuring that the cause of the widow is contended for but he guarantees that He will become justice, however there is still a fight. Let every man be a liar, but let God be true! The injustices that widows face being

thrown into the street, having to fend for themselves and their children, not knowing where she may live or what her family may have to eat is a gross injustice.

Particularly, when the widow supported a spouse that fought for their country, gave their lives to a community cause, lived a life of service, remained an upstanding citizen, contributed to the advancement of their community, and was a major factor in the success of their spouse.

Justice is necessary but justice must be sought. It doesn't come automatically. There must arise those who will contend for the widows.

PRAYER

Father I thank you that I know that you become justice for the widow, orphans, aliens and poor. Holy Spirit teach me how to seek God, His mind and His justice concerning those who are hurting. I commit to know my assignment and role in aiding the widows, the poor, the orphans and the aliens.

3 GOD DEALS WITH YOUR OPPRESSORS

“CURSED IS HE WHO DISTORTS THE JUSTICE DUE
AN ALIEN, ORPHAN, AND WIDOW.”
DEUTERONOMY 27:19

I have found it comforting that in the place of my greatest vulnerability, God says that he will deal with my oppressors. We already know vengeance belongs to God, but He takes it even further in regards to the intentional mistreatment and misrepresentation of those who are weak. In Exodus 22:22-24 God says, “You shall not afflict any widow or orphan. If you afflict him at all, and if he does cry out to Me, I will surely hear his cry; and My anger will be

kindled, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.”

Of course, we are under the dispensation of grace, and God’s love and mercy prevails.

However, God’s eternal laws of the spirit are still in existence.

Although it may not take on literal consequences, we will all reap what we sow. So, when we intentionally and wickedly mistreat those hurting, the harvest is multiplied. This type of injustice towards God’s beloved will put the oppressor in the place of the same type of agony, having violated the law of the

spirit toward those whom God himself watches for their justice.

We must begin to become aware of the critical consequences of the violation of this spiritual law. Could this be one of the spiritual root causes of the decline in our communities, cities and churches? In Deuteronomy 27 when the scripture speaks of “cursed is he who distorts the justice”, the word distort is the Hebrew word *natah*, which means be gone, decline, and turn away from. So, there is a curse that comes from turning aside from the justice of the aliens, orphans and widows. We cannot afford to ignore, decline, or

pretend like we do not see, nor are aware of the gross suffering, inhumane treatment and even the discriminatory, prejudiced and inequitable laws and practices that plague the aliens, orphans, and widows.

PRAYER

Father, I ask that you have mercy on those who have distorted justice towards the widows, whom you have vowed to protect. Help me to never ignore the alien, orphan and widow. Open the eyes of your people that we will never create the cause for a curse to be upon us.

*****END OF SAMPLE*****

With over 258 million widows world wide and 50% of them living in poverty, there is a clear need to address the discrepancy between reality and God's word. God has made clear, concise and strong declarations and commandments in His word regarding the widow. I AM TROUBLE unveils these promises, commandments and decrees that must be embraced, confessed and lived by the widow and by society at large. God established these truths as a template designed to include every layer of society in aiding in His provision. The aliens, orphans and widows are all imbedded in the master plan of humanity, starting with the individual, then families, communities, cities and nations.

As one of the largest segments of our society, widows have been ignored and hurting in plain site.

I AM TROUBLE will awaken the responsibility, compassion and honor commanded by God concerning the widows. As always, adherence to God's will brings blessings, favor, and glory to those who abide by His divine plan.

I AM TROUBLE also specifically empowers widows to know what God's word says concerning them. We must put God in remembrance of His word, declare His promises and reverse the plight of widows through the light and the love of God. Just like the widow in Luke 18:1-8 "troubled" the unjust judge, it is time for the widows to arise as our righteous judge and heavenly Father shall even the more hear the cry of his beloved who come before Him day and night. May every widow awaken and declare, "I AM TROUBLE."



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