



# Spirit of Grace Herald

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## God & Widows



In times past, the word widow was not just a noun; it was a title. If Mrs. Johnson's husband died, she was not just considered a widow; she was sometimes called "the widow Johnson." In those days a woman becoming a widow was a huge loss, not only because she had lost her companion, but because women could not possibly make as much money as men and often could make almost no money at all. If they did not have grown children who could and would support them, they would be in real trouble.

These days, in America, things have changed. While the emotional pain of losing the love of your life is as bad as ever, financially many women are capable of working at good-paying jobs and providing for their needs, and do not experience a terrible financial crisis such as their

great grandmothers might have in similar circumstances.

In Africa things have not changed nearly so much. The men are by far the major breadwinners, and African widows often face years and decades of living hand to mouth and going from one financial crisis to another. Even the idea of eating every day is not guaranteed, and many African widows go to bed hungry, with empty stomachs and in a state of loneliness, depression, and despair.

This was the case of widows in the Bible as well. To be a widow was to be destitute and helpless, and for this reason, the Scriptures have much to say about widows. In Psalms 68 God is called "**a defender of widows.**" Jesus blasted the religious leaders of His time, saying: "**Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers.**" It would seem that rich Pharisees were confiscating the homes of husbandless women and putting them out on the streets. James describes true religion (in other words, real Christianity) this way: "**to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.**" (James 1:27).

For these reasons, Spirit of Grace Ministries provides food for helpless and desperate widows in the local areas where we have our Jesus Confer-

ences. We cannot feed all of Africa nor all the widows of Africa, but at least we can do something for the most desperate cases where we go to minister the word of God. And when you give to Spirit of Grace Ministries, you are helping us care for the widows, or as James would put it "visiting widows in their trouble." Thanks for caring!



# Don't Forget Our YouTube Channel!

Although we aim a significant amount of our funds and efforts toward Africa, we do minister to all people everywhere through our Bible-teaching YouTube channel, and our Bible study blog. We are making videos constantly, as well as creating audio-only Bible studies. On our YouTube channel we post **video devos on Mondays** in which I teach on various Bible subjects (around 8 min). And **on Thursdays we post Bible studies done by Benedicta and me** at our dining room table (15-20 min). Plus, every week we post 2 new **audio podcasts** that feature Bible studies on random Bible topics that Ben and I do in the mornings (20-30 min).

How to find these teachings and studies? **On YouTube go to the search box and type in "Dennis Pollock Bible"** and you will see a picture of me, and when you go to that page, you will discover hundreds of Bible teachings and studies. To access our Bible-teaching audio podcast, **go to your favorite podcast platform (such as Apple Podcasts, Spotify, YouTube Music, Amazon Music, etc.) and type in: "Discover the Word with Den and Ben."** Start your day listening to Dennis & Benedicta sharing the eternal truths of the word of God and the Lord Jesus Christ!



# We Need Your Support in 2026



As we move into 2026, and begin to plan on African missions, free medical clinics, feeding African widows, writing devotionals and producing videos, we need your help. Any and every gift of support is important, but we are especially in need of friends who will regularly donate to SOGM throughout the year.

For years this ministry has been blessed through our **"FRIENDS OF GRACE"** program. When you make a commitment to give **\$25 or more per month**, or give a one time gift of **\$300 or more annually**, we enroll you as a FRIEND of GRACE. You will receive our monthly Bible teaching CD, which normally has four separate teachings on it for your encouragement and instruction.

Become a friend of this ministry by sending us your first monthly donation, or making an annual gift of \$300 or more. Thanks for helping us minister to God's children.

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