TODAY'S SCRIPTURE FOCUS: Proverbs 31:8-9



"WHY ARE WE SO BLESSED..."

"For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required;" *Luke 12:48b* "and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more." *Luke 12:48c*

"You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy..." *Deuteronomy 24:14a* "Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy." *Psalm 82:3* "Deliver the poor and needy; free them from the hand of the wicked." *Psalm 82:4*

SERMONIC POINTS:

#1: OPPORTUNITY

#2: RESPONSIBILITY

#3: ACCOUNTABILITY

SERMONIC PNT.#1:

OPPORTUNITY

This was the fight that so many fought on our behalf...access...

SERMONIC PNT.#2:

RESPONSIBILITY *What are we supposed*

to do with our power and access and on behalf of whom?

SERMONIC PNT.#3:

ACCOUNTABILITY

If those in positions of power and responsibility don't act, we must act. "Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die." *Proverbs 31:8* "Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy" *Proverbs 31:9*

SPEECHLESS

Those who cannot or choose not to advocate for themselves...

POOR & NEEDY

Those who don't have basic needs... (food, water, clothes, shelter)

GENERAL NOTES (not to be shown)

"THOSE WHO ARE AFRAID OR UNABLE TO PLEAD THEIR OWN CAUSE"

"THERE ARE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS...THOSE IN DISTRESS...

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