

Helping the Needy

“God’s Heart for the Poor”

Nearly 85% of the world’s population lives below the established poverty line and over 700 million people live in extreme poverty, less than \$2.15 a day. Much of the progress made over the last decade in bringing down these statistics was erased during Covid. This morning’s lesson is about “**God’s Heart for the Poor**”.

God’s Gracious Goodness to ALL

- ❖ God loves ALL people – John 3:16; Genesis 1:26-31

- ❖ God created life for ALL to enjoy! – Genesis 1- 3; 1 Timothy 6:17-19

God’s Great Concern for the Poor

- ❖ One of the most prominent themes in the O.T. – Deuteronomy 15:11

- ❖ A continued emphasis throughout the N.T. – Luke 4:14-21; Acts 2:44-45

God’s Call to Help the Poor

- ❖ We are commanded to help the poor and needy – James 1:27

- ❖ We will be judged by our response to God’s Call – Matthew 25:31-46