

God's concern for the poor:

- Deuteronomy. 26:5-9 → (Cried out for help, God saw the suffering.)
- Luke 4:16-21 → The Lord will save the poor and bring good news (proclaim liberty) what you defend
- Psalm 140:12 "Lord of the poor + rights of needy"
- Isaiah 25:4 → The poor & the helpless - fled to God where safe. in times of trouble. God gave them shelter!
- Psalm 10:14 → God is always there to help the needy.
- Isaiah 41:17 → God will never abandon the poor & will answer their prayers.
- Luke 6:20-21 → "Happy are you poor; the kingdom of God is yours! Happy are you who are hungry now; you will be filled! Happy are you who weep now; you will laugh!"
- James 2:5 → Rich is not everything!

We may think: "Of course God loves the poor; he loves everybody." But it's not so simple as that; God's character is presented as a model for our own. If God values the poor, we have to think about what that means for us.

Stage 1: Look up the verses given above and then summarise their message into 5 bullet points.

Stage 2: Using the verses given and the summary from the previous group draw a spider-diagram or brainstorm representing God's concern for the poor

God will help
the needy.

Never abandon the poor,
always answer their prayers.

Concern for the
poor.

Says rich
isn't everything.

do something good
for someone and
it will be returned.

Stage 3: Look at all the information already present and draw a diagram with labels to represent God's concern for the poor

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→ Better.

