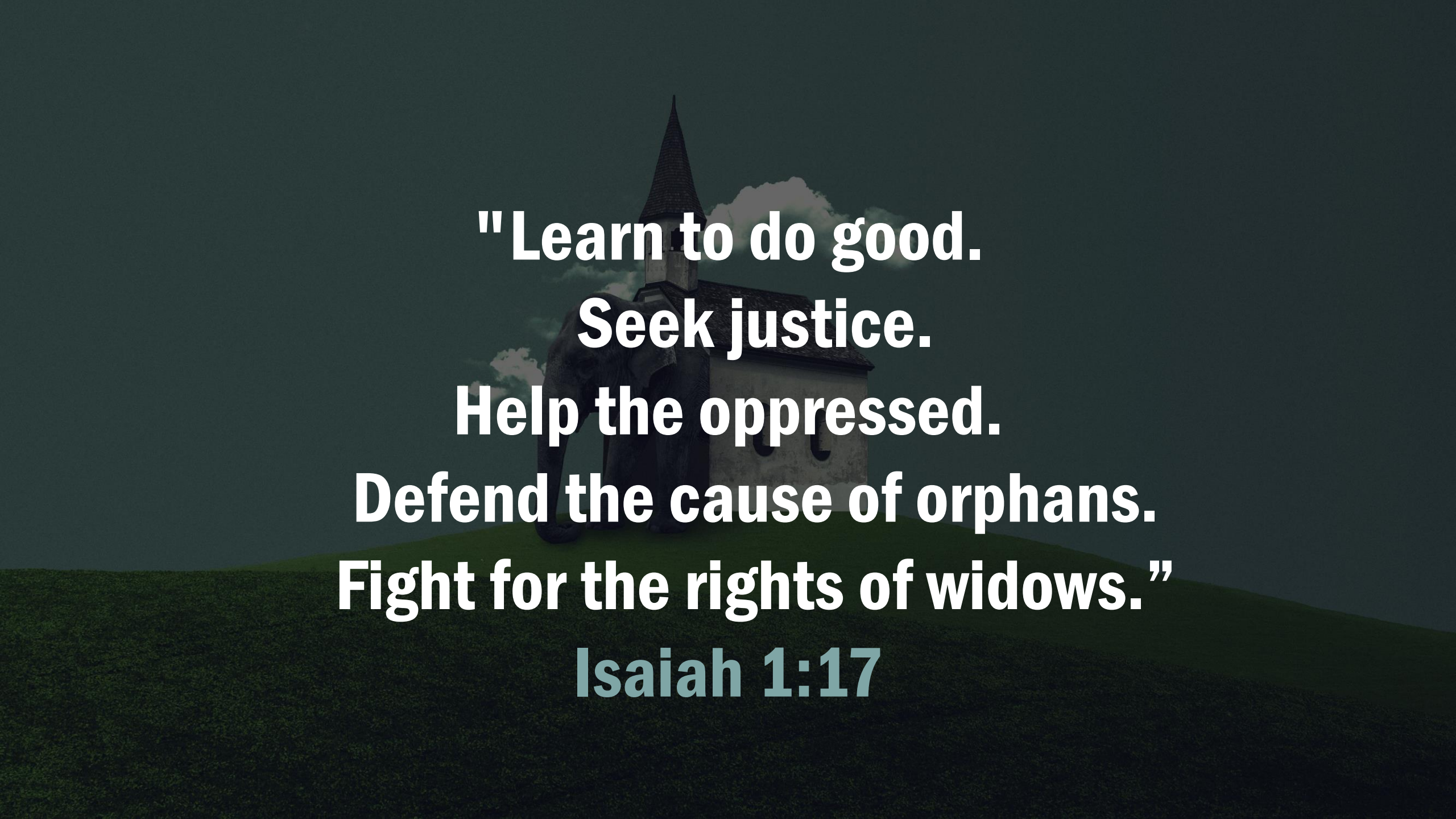


Elephants in the Room 2020

Part 5: Social Justice

What is Social Justice?

The view that everyone deserves equal political, economic and social rights and opportunities.

A church with a steeple and an elephant on a hill. The church is a small, white building with a dark roof and a tall, pointed steeple. An elephant is standing in front of the church, facing left. The scene is set on a green hill under a dark, cloudy sky.

**"Learn to do good.
Seek justice.
Help the oppressed.
Defend the cause of orphans.
Fight for the rights of widows."**

Isaiah 1:17

The Church and Social Justice

- **John Wesley**
- **Catherine Booth**
- **William Wilberforce**

What Happened?

- **The Church dropped the ball**
 - **The world picked it up**

Progressive Ditch

- 1. Social Justice is the Gospel**
- 2. My vote is my part**
- 3. SJ Issues can be solved by legislation alone**

Conservative Ditch

- 1. We don't need laws to help people**
- 2. SJ is not central to the Gospel**
- 3. If you don't work you don't eat**

The Jesus Kind of Justice

1. Worship is more important than wokeness

(Matt 26:6-13)

2. Jesus exerted power under the system, not over it

(John 18:36)

**3. A person's spirit is more
important than their stomach**

(John 6: 26-29)

What Can You Do?

1. Don't change the world, change your world.

(Matthew 25)

2. Don't fight culture, influence culture

(Romans 12:2)



**Are you living out the Jesus kind of
Justice?**