

# Deuteronomy 14:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

## Analysis

**And the Levite, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow..shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied**—The same four groups appear repeatedly in Deuteronomy (16:11, 14; 24:19-21; 26:12-13), demonstrating God's relentless concern for the vulnerable. They shall **be satisfied** (עָשָׂה, sava, 'filled, satiated')—not minimal survival but true sufficiency.

**That the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand**—Generosity unlocks blessing. **Give, and it shall be given unto you** (Luke 6:38). **He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly** (2 Corinthians 9:6). Yet the motive must be obedience, not manipulation—blessing follows generosity but isn't purchased by it. Jesus embodied ultimate generosity: **Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich** (2 Corinthians 8:9). Our giving mirrors His.

## Historical Context

In ancient agrarian economies, the triennial tithe's public distribution at local gates (city entrances) created accountability—everyone saw who gave and who

received. This transparency prevented corruption while ensuring comprehensive care for society's most vulnerable members.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's promise of blessing for generosity differ from 'prosperity gospel' theology that treats giving as a financial transaction?
2. What practical steps can you take to ensure the vulnerable in your community are 'satisfied,' not merely surviving?
3. In what ways does Christ's generosity (becoming poor to make you rich) motivate and model your own giving?

## Interlinear Text

וְבֵית וּמִתְבָּל הַנְּגָר עַפְתָּה וְאֶתְבָּל הַנְּגָר  
nor inheritance H5973 with thee and the stranger H1616 and the fatherless H3490

וְאֶל מִנָּה אָשָׁר בְּשַׁעַר יְהוָה אֶאֱכַל וְעַבְדֵּךְ וְאֶלְמָנָה  
and the widow which are within thy gates and shall eat and be satisfied  
H834 H8179 H398 H7646  
H490

לְמַעַן	יִבְרָכְךָ	יְהִי הָבָרָךְ	אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהָבָרָךְ	בְּכָל	מְעַשְׁתָּה
H4616	<b>may bless</b>	<b>that the LORD</b>	<b>thy God</b>	H3605	<b>thee in all the work</b>
	H1288	H3068	H430		H4639

## Additional Cross-References

**Deuteronomy 14:27** (Parallel theme): And the Levite that is within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

**Deuteronomy 15:10** (Blessing): Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.

**Proverbs 19:17** (References Lord): He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

**Deuteronomy 16:11** (References God): And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the

fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there.

**Psalms 41:1** (Blessing): Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

**Proverbs 11:24** (Parallel theme): There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

**Deuteronomy 16:14** (Parallel theme): And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates.

**Deuteronomy 12:12** (References God): And ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite that is within your gates; forasmuch as he hath no part nor inheritance with you.

**Leviticus 19:34** (References God): But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.