

Feeding the Poor Which Are Our Brothers

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(Matthew 25: 34-40)

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The brethren which are referred to here are the poor and needy which are brothers and sisters in Christ. This lines up exactly with what the new covenant church did in the Bible. The example which they set is to feed and care for all our Christian brothers and sisters and make sure they have what they need. Whether it is food or clothing or money or housing or to be visited when the are sick or imprisoned. This was one of the central operational principals of the new covenant church....

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“For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;” (2Corinthians 9:12)

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