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Psalm 37:25.

*"I was young now I am old,
yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken.
or their children begging bread.
They are always generous and lend freely;
their children will be blessed."*

John 6:35.

"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.'"

The pangs of hunger are experienced by everybody. They force us to eat for we have to eat to live. Whilst we are able to find food at any time of day or night this is not the case in many parts of the world and even within our own community.

David, in Psalm 37 recognises that there is hunger and starvation but through his lifetime he had seen the have nots provided for by the haves. He indicated the link between righteousness among God's people and ensuring the provision of bread for all. This could be interpreted as those walking in God's ways only looking after their own. Indeed this has been the case throughout the ages. Amos, a poor shepherd relaying God's word to him berates the upper classes of his day for their lifestyle at the expense of the poor.

"...they sell the righteous for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals. They trample on the heads of the poor as the dust of the ground and they deny justice to the oppressed." (Amos 2:6,7 (parts))

Jesus makes the point that bread for all to eat only comes with the satisfying of our spiritual hunger through belief in him as Son of the Father. *"I am the bread of life."* (John 6:35)

As we apply ourselves to alleviating the inequalities of every 'class', race or creed let us spiritually follow Christ and the ways of the Father.