

Sabbath, rest?

Deuteronomy 15, 16



“Man was not made
for the sabbath; the
sabbath was made
for man.”

— Mark 2:27



John 5

"My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God."





"You would stop [*shabat*] them from their labour."



“Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out of there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. That is why the LORD your God has commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.”

— Deuteronomy 5:15

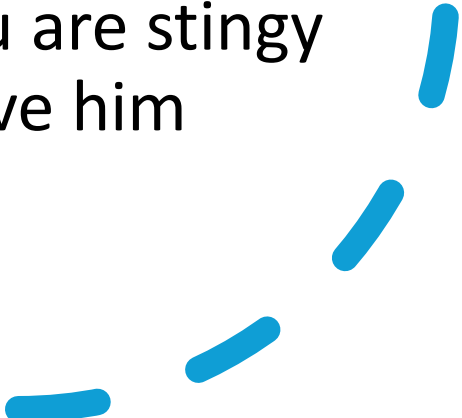
DEBT

“At the end of every seven years you must cancel debts. This is how to cancel debt: Every creditor is to cancel what he has lent his neighbour.”

— Deuteronomy 15:1–2



“If there is a poor person among you, one of your brothers within any of your city gates in the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. Instead, you are to open your hand to him and freely loan him enough for whatever need he has. Be careful that there isn’t this wicked thought in your heart, ‘The seventh year, the year of cancelling debts, is near,’ and you are stingy toward your poor brother and give him nothing.”





“He will cry out to the LORD against you, and you will be guilty. Give to him, and don’t have a stingy heart when you give, and because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you do. For there will never cease to be poor people in the land; that is why I am commanding you, ‘Open your hand willingly to your poor and needy brother in your land.’”

— Deuteronomy 15:7–11





“If any of your people – Hebrew men or women – sell themselves to you and serve you six years, in the seventh year you must let them go free. And when you release them, do not send them away empty-handed. Supply them liberally from your flock, your threshing floor and your winepress. Give to them as the LORD your God has blessed you. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you. That is why I give you this command today.”

— Deuteronomy 15:12–15



“Let my people go, so that
they may serve me.”

— Exodus 8:1

