

Scriptures

CHRISTIAN

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 3:7; 20; 21; 23

Deuteronomy 14, 15

"At the end of every seventh year you are to cancel the debts of those who owe you money ... the Lord himself has declared the debt canceled." Deut. 15:1-2 (Good News Translation)

Leviticus 25-27, 50-52

Nehemiah 5:1-13; 10:28-31

"Now let's give up all our claims to repayment. Cancel all the debts they owe you – money or grain or wine or olive oil." Neh. 5:10-11 (Good News Translation)

Psalms 146:7-9

Proverbs 14:31

"He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God." Prov. 14:31 (RSV)

Isaiah 58; 61:1-2

Jeremiah 34:8-18

Ezekiel 18:7-9

Amos 2:6-7, 8:5-6

"The Lord says, 'The people of Israel have sinned ... They sell into slavery honest people who cannot pay their debts, the poor who cannot repay even the price of a pair of sandals'" Amos 2:6-7 (Good News Translation)

Micah 6:8

Habakkuk 2:6-7

"How long will you go on getting rich by forcing your debtors to pay up?" But before you know it, you that have conquered others will be in debt yourselves and forced to pay interest." Hab. 2: 6-7 (RSV)

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 4:17-19; 7:36-50; 11:2-4; 16:1-3

"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them." Luke 7: 41-42 (RSV)

Matthew 6:9-15; 18:21-35

Acts 2:43-46; 4:32-37