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The Nuzi tablets are clay tablets that were discovered near Kirkuk, Iraq, in the 1920s. They date back to the mid-second millennium BC, when Nuzi was part of the Hurrian Mitanni Empire. They contain family archives and legal documents that shed light on the everyday life and customs of the Hurrians and their neighbors in Mesopotamia. Some of these customs, such as the tablets of sistership, may have parallels with the biblical Patriarchs who lived in the same region several hundred years earlier.

Ezek. 34:2-3-² “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to those shepherds, ‘Thus says the Lord God, **“Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves!** Should not the shepherds feed the flock? ³ **You eat the fat and clothe yourselves** with the wool, you slaughter the fat *sheep* without feeding the flock.

Acts 20:33-35-³³ **I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothes.** ³⁴ **You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my own needs and to the men who were with me.** ³⁵ In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

2 Thess. 3:7-8-⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, ⁸ **nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it,** but with labor and hardship we *kept* working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you.

Gal. 6:6-The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.

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2 Corinthians 11:25-Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, **a night and a day I have spent in the deep.**

Gen. 30:43-So the man became **exceedingly prosperous**, and had large flocks and female and male servants and camels and donkeys.

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Gen. 31:7-Yet your father has cheated me and **changed my wages ten times**; however, God did not allow him to hurt me.

Jas. 5:4-Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, *and* **which has been withheld by you**, cries out *against you*; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

Deut. 24:15-You shall give him his **wages** on his day before the sun sets, for he is poor and sets his heart on it; so that he will not cry against you to the LORD and it become sin in you.

Eph. 6:5-9-⁵ Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; ⁶ not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. ⁷ With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men, ⁸ knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this

he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free. ⁹ **And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.**

1 Peter 2:18-20- ¹⁸ Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but **also to those who are unreasonable.** ¹⁹ **For this finds favor,** if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows **when suffering unjustly.** ²⁰ For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if **when you do what is right and suffer** *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.

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Prov. 1:7-**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;** Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Acts 2:43-Everyone kept feeling a sense of **awe [phobos]**; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

Rom. 3:18-There is no **fear [phobos]** of God before their eyes.

The great American statesman Daniel Webster was once asked, “What’s the most sobering thought that ever entered your mind?” He quickly responded, “My personal accountability to God.”

Isa. 6:2-3-² Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called out to another and said,

“**Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts**, The whole earth is full of His glory.”

Gen. 50:20-As for you, you meant evil against me, **but God** meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

Gen. 31:12-He said, ‘Lift up now your eyes and see *that* all the male goats which are mating are striped, speckled, and mottled; for **I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you.**

Ps. 27:10-For **my father and my mother** have forsaken me, But **the Lord** will take me up.

Conclusion

Num. 6:24-26- ²⁴ The LORD bless you, and keep you;
²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;
²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.’