**Care for Creation**

**8**Woe to those who join house to house,   
who add field to field,   
until there is no more room,   
and you are made to dwell alone   
in the midst of the land.   
*Isaiah 5:8*

**22**Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb **2**through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. **3**No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. **4**They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. **5**And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.   
*Revelation 22:1-5*

**Food Poverty**

9When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. **10**You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.    
*Leviticus 19:9-10*

**6**Thus says the Lord:

“For three transgressions of Israel,   
and for four, I will not revoke the punishment,   
because they sell the righteous for silver,   
and the needy for a pair of sandals…    
*Amos 2:6*

**8**Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. **9**Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ **10**And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.   
*Matthew 22: 8-10*

**Modern Slavery**

What do you mean by crushing my people,   
by grinding the face of the poor?”   
declares the Lord God of hosts.   
*Isaiah 3:15*

**17**And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.   
He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,   
**18**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,   
because he has anointed me   
to proclaim good news to the poor.   
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives   
and recovering of sight to the blind,   
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,   
**19**to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”   
*Luke 4: 17-19 and Isaiah 61:1-2.*

**Managing Debt**

**13**“In this year of jubilee each of you shall return to his property. **14**And if you make a sale to your neighbour or buy from your neighbour, you shall not wrong one another. **15**You shall pay your neighbour according to the number of years after the jubilee, and he shall sell to you according to the number of years for crops. **16**If the years are many, you shall increase the price, and if the years are few, you shall reduce the price, for it is the number of the crops that he is selling to you. **17**You shall not wrong one another, but you shall fear your God, for I am the Lord your God.   
*Leviticus 25:13-17*

**23**“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. **24**When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. **25**And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. **26**So the servantfell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ **27**And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. **28**But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ **29**So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ **30**He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. **31**When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.   
*Matthew 18:23-31*

**Forgiveness**

**24**“Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.   
*Daniel 9:24*

**37**“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; **38**give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”   
*Luke 6:37-38*

**Rest**

**10**“For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield, **11**but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the beasts of the field may eat. You shall do likewise with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard.

**12**“Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your servant woman, and the alien, may be refreshed.   
*Exodus 23:10-12.*

**27**And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. **28**So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”   
*Mark 2:27-28*