

SACRED

GOD'S INVITATION TO
DRAW NEAR

The Ultimate Owner

Leviticus 25:1-7

Everything we have
ultimately belongs to the Lord.

In the year of Jubilee:

The land gets a rest.

All land is returned to its ancestral family.

Israelites who sold themselves into servitude
receive release.

“The land is not to be permanently sold because it is mine, and you are only aliens and temporary residents on my land.”

Leviticus 25:23 CSB

The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the LORD;

Psalms 24:1 CSB

The LORD owns the earth and all it contains, the world and all who live in it.

Psalms 24:1 NET

“Speak to the Israelites and tell them: When you enter the land I am giving you, the land will observe a Sabbath to the LORD. You may sow your field for six years, and you may prune your vineyard and gather its produce for six years. But there will be a Sabbath of complete rest for the land in the seventh year, a Sabbath to the LORD: you are not to sow your field or prune your vineyard.”

Leviticus 25:2–4 CSB

“You are to keep my statutes and ordinances and carefully observe them, so that you may live securely in the land. Then the land will yield its fruit, so that you can eat, be satisfied, and live securely in the land. If you wonder, ‘What will we eat in the seventh year if we don’t sow or gather our produce?’ I will appoint my blessing for you in the sixth year, so that it will produce a crop sufficient for three years.

When you sow in the eighth year, you will be eating from the previous harvest. You will be eating this until the ninth year when its harvest comes in.”

Leviticus 25:18–22 CSB

I can't do whatever I want
with something that's not mine.

“You are to allow the redemption of any land you occupy.”

Leviticus 25:24 CSB

“But if he cannot obtain enough to repay him, what he sold will remain in the possession of its purchaser until the Year of Jubilee. It is to be released at the Jubilee, so that he may return to his property.”

Leviticus 25:28 CSB

Stewardship means

“This isn’t ultimately mine, but I am responsible
for what the Owner has entrusted to me.”

“If you make a sale to your neighbor or a purchase from him, do not cheat one another.”

Leviticus 25:14 CSB

"You are not to cheat one another, but fear your God, for I am the LORD your God.”

Leviticus 25:17 CSB

“If your brother becomes destitute and cannot sustain himself among you, you are to support him as an alien or temporary resident, so that he can continue to live among you. Do not profit or take interest from him, but fear your God and let your brother live among you.”

Leviticus 25:35–36 CSB

“This fulfilled the word of the LORD through Jeremiah, and the land enjoyed its Sabbath rest all the days of the desolation until seventy years were fulfilled.”

2 Chronicles 36:21 CSB

“You are to count seven sabbatical years, seven times seven years, so that the time period of the seven sabbatical years amounts to forty-nine. Then you are to sound a ram’s horn loudly in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month; you will sound it throughout your land on the Day of Atonement.”

Leviticus 25:8–9 CSB

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Luke 4:18-19 CSB

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fixed on him. He began by saying to them, “Today as you listen, this Scripture has been fulfilled.”

Luke 4:20-21 CSB

Do I really believe that
everything I have belongs to God?