

## Sermon: Deuteronomy 15 worship and social-economic standing

### 1. Economic principles

- a. Every seventh year there is an economic reset
  - i. A year of “release” or “remission”
  - ii. This is intended to be blessing for the debtor
    - 1. They no longer find themselves under the burden of repayment
      - a. Presumably, if they continue to work in the same manner their earning could now be kept in their household
  - iii. This is intended to be a blessing for the lender.
    - 1. This is a faith principle
      - a. It does not make sense that it would go better for you if you forgive everyone’s debt every seven years

### 2. Societal principles

- a. Lenders
  - i. The purpose is not that you make money the purpose is so that your brother is blessed
  - ii. The poor
    - 1. In every culture wealth is tied to the blessings of the deity
      - a. Not so in God’s economy. God loves the poor and cares for them and instructs his people to do the same
- b. Masters
  - i. Have an obligation to care for their servants
  - ii. Have the mindset to bless their servants
- c. slaves/servant
  - i. Scriptually, there is nothing wrong with being a slave
  - ii.

### 3. Worship Principles

- a. Worship is social
- b. Worship is economical