



**When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up-- for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground,**

**...**

**The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.**

**Genesis 2:5&15**

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Genesis 2:1-3

**And [God] said to Adam,**

**“...cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.**

**By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”**

**Genesis 3:17-19**

So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

Jesus said to [*his disciples*],  
“My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.  
Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.  
Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.”

John 4:34-36

Jesus came and said to [*his disciples*],

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

**Bondservants,  
obey your earthly masters with fear and  
trembling, with a sincere heart, as you  
would Christ, not by the way of eye-  
service, as people-pleasers, but as  
bondservants of Christ, doing the will of  
God from the heart, rendering service with  
a good will as to the Lord and not to man,  
knowing that whatever good anyone does,  
this he will receive back from the Lord,  
whether he is a bondservant or is free.**

**Ephesians 6:5-8**



**Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labour, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.**

**Ephesians 4:28**

**But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.**

**1 Timothy 5:8**

**if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.**

**1 Corinthians 15:14**

**Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.**

**1 Corinthians 15:58**