

# “All Tears & No Comfort”

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1Sam. 8:17 He will take one-

tenth of your flocks, and

you shall be his slaves.



1Kings 12:4 "Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he placed on us, and we will serve you."



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Deut. 24:17 ¶ You shall not deprive a  
resident alien or an orphan of justice;  
you shall not take a widow's garment in  
pledge.



Deut. 24:18 Remember that you were a  
slave in Egypt and the LORD your  
God redeemed you from there;  
therefore I command you to do this.





Deut. 24:19 ¶ When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all your undertakings.



Deut. 24:20 When you beat your  
olive trees, do not strip what is left; it  
shall be for the alien, the orphan,  
and the widow.



Deut. 24:21 ¶ When you gather the grapes  
of your vineyard, do not glean what is left;  
it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and  
the widow.



Deut. 24:22 Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.



Eccl. 4:9 ¶ Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.

Eccl. 4:10 For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help.



Eccl. 4:11 Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone?

Eccl. 4:12 And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.



Eccl. 4:2 And I thought the dead, who have already died, more fortunate than the living, who are still alive;  
Eccl. 4:3 but better than both is the one who has not yet been, and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun.



Eccl. 4:7 ¶ Again, I saw vanity under the sun:

Eccl. 4:8 the case of solitary individuals, without sons

or brothers; yet there is no end to all their toil, and

their eyes are never satisfied with riches. “For whom am

I toiling,” they ask, “and depriving myself of pleasure?”

This also is vanity and an unhappy business.





Eccl. 4:13 ¶ Better is a poor but wise  
youth than an old but foolish king, who  
will no longer take advice.



Ecc. 4:14 One can indeed come out of prison to reign, even though born poor in the kingdom.

Ecc. 4:15 I saw all the living who, moving about under the sun, follow that youth who replaced the king;



Eccl. 4:16 there was no end to all those people whom he led. Yet those who come later will not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a chasing after wind.



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Matt. 24:12 And because of the  
increase of lawlessness, the love of  
many will grow cold.




John 10:14 I am the good shepherd. I know  
my own and my own know me,

John 10:15 just as the Father knows me and I  
know the Father. And I lay down my life for  
the sheep.



John 10:16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

John 10:17 For this reason the Father loves me,  because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

John 10:18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”





Num. 27:16 "Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint someone over the congregation

Num. 27:17 who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, so that the congregation of the LORD may not be like sheep without a shepherd."





Num. 27:18 So the LORD said to

Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand upon him;



Mic. 2:12 ¶ I will surely gather all  
of you, O Jacob,  
I will gather the survivors of  
Israel;  
I will set them together  
like sheep in a fold,  
like a flock in its pasture;  
it will resound with people.

Mic. 2:13 The one who breaks out  
will go up before them;  
they will break through and  
pass the gate,  
going out by it.   
Their king will pass on before  
them,  
the LORD at their head.

Ezek. 34:2 Mortal, prophesy against the  
shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say to them—  
to the shepherds: Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah,  
you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding  
yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? 

Ezek. 34:11 ¶ For thus says the Lord

GOD: I myself will search for my

sheep, and will seek them out.



Ezek. 34:23 ¶ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

Ezek. 34:24 And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.



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