

Acts Series

Lesson #50

November 22, 2011

Dean Bible Ministries

[www.deanbible.org](http://www.deanbible.org)

Dr. Robert L. Dean, Jr.

# The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8

## “Property, Tithes, Taxes” Acts 4:32–5:16



# Economic Parameters



**Lev. 25:23, “The land shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with Me.”**

מְלָאכָה. *mela'kah*

**Work, business, craftsmanship, goods, property. Like the English “work,” מְלָאכָה *mela'kah* could refer either to the activity of working, the requisite skills of work, or to the results of work. In contrast to terms like עֲמַל and יָגַע which emphasized the toilsome, laborious side of work, this term emphasized work as involving skill and benefits.**

**Deut. 4:6, “Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’**

**Deut. 4:7, “For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him?**

**Deut. 4:8, “And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?”**

**Prov. 13:22, “A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.”**

**2 Cor. 12:14, “Now for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for I do not seek yours, but you. For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.”**

**Deut. 15:7, “If there is a poor man with you, one of your brothers, in any of your towns in your land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart, nor close your hand from your poor brother;**

**Deut. 15:8, “but you shall freely open your hand to him, and shall generously lend him sufficient for his need in whatever he lacks.”**