

The Plight of Ease

1) Assembling of Israel's Historical Cohorts – 3:9

2) The Coming Judgment – v. 3:11-15, 4:2-3

3) The Problem – 3:9-10, 4:1

4) The Purpose for Ease (for God's People)

- Genesis 12:1-3
- Exodus 22:21-27
- Deuteronomy 10:17-19
- Deuteronomy 15:7-11
- Deuteronomy 14:28-29
- Deuteronomy 8:11-18
- Isaiah 5:8-12
- Isaiah 3:13-26
- Isaiah 1:16-17, 21-23
- Isaiah 58:6-10

NT Principles

- 2 Corinthians 8:7-9

Principle #1 – Emulate Christ's Response to Ease

- 2 Corinthians 8:13-15

Principle #2 – Your Excess is not just for Your Ease

1 Timothy 6:17-19

- a) Gratefully Enjoy – v. 17
- b) Generously Share – v. 18

2 Corinthians 9:5

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Principle #3 – Gladly and Voluntarily Share

- a) What you sow, you will reap
- b) God loves a cheerful giver!