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## **LABOR LAWS FROM THE BIBLE**

### Selected Biblical Labor Laws

1Tim 5:18 "The laborer deserves his wages."

James 5:1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you. 3 Your gold and your silver have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. 5 You have lived luxuriously on the earth and led a life of wanton pleasure; 4 Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, and which has been withheld by you, cries out against you; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

Lev 19:13 "Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. "Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker..

Deut 24:14 Do not take advantage of a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether that worker is a fellow Israelite or a foreigner residing in one of your towns. 15 Pay them their wages each day before sunset, because they are poor and are counting on it. Otherwise they may cry to the LORD against you, and you will be guilty of sin.

Deut 25:4 Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain. cf 1 Cor.9:9

Jer 22:13 "Woe to him who builds his palace by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, making his own people work for nothing, not paying them for their labor.

Mal 3:5 "So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty.SUMMARY of all Biblical Labor Laws

Workers must be treated well and fairly ...and must be paid fully and promptly [i.e.- as per contract]

Workers must fulfill employers expectations

No harsh or unsafe working condition; rest periods: one day a week and holidays

Workers may decide to change employers

All commands re personal morality apply

Productivity is expected--profit-making is expected, BUT

Not at expense of the workers- no exploitation

No jeopardizing resources

Private property rights/ownership must be honored

No peonage or slavery

No usury

Profits and products must be made available to the destitute

The Government and Courts are to enforce these Laws: Justice

[Note: there is nothing here about Government Welfare or State Socialism]

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