51 And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews.

52 For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, [and] many; therefore we take up corn [for them], that we may eat, and live.

53 [Some] also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth.

54 Yet now our flesh [is] as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and [some] of our daughters are brought unto bondage [already]: neither [is it] in our power [to redeem them]; for other men have our lands and vineyards.

55 And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.

56 Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brethren the Jews.

57 And I said unto them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing [to answer].
Nehemiah 5

1. And it came to pass in those days, that I sat with the king, and spake good concerning the God of heaven.
2. And I said and spake before the king, saying, If it please the king, and if he delight in me, let an ordinance be given from the king, and a written decree, that we may not be compelled to come to the house of forced labor.
3. And the king made the decree, and wrote an ordinance of the thing, and a written decree of a commandment to be given by me, even at the king's expense, for the house of forced labor.
4. Then called I Shethar-Boznai, and Zaccur the scribe, and Bashan the scribe, and
5. And said,  
6. So they provided for me, and for the governors who were over the gates, and for the kings' sons.  
7. And it came to pass, that before they were laid aside, there was no small change brought in, because of the entry of the people.  
8. And I said,  
9. And they answered me, saying, The people that have kept themselves pure for the holy thing is much, and the vessels of it are multiplied for the holy thing.  
10. Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, [that is], twelve years, I and my brethren, have not eaten the bread of the governor.
11. Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, [that is], twelve years, I and my brethren, have not eaten the bread of the governor.
12. And I spake before the king, saying, If it please the king, and if he delight in me, let an ordinance be given from the king, and a written decree, that we may not be compelled to come to the house of forced labor.
13. Then the king made the ordinance, and a written decree was given by me, even at the king's expense, for the house of forced labor.
14. And my God hath been good unto me, and hath given me rest also in Judah and in Jerusalem, that I might build the house of my God, and the wall of Jerusalem, and the houses of Judah.  
15. Then came unto me all the residue of the people, even all the priests and the Levites, and said unto me, Because of all the tribulations that have befallen us, and our house is made a desolation, I and my brethren, and my governors, seek not the faces of our God.
16. Then said I unto them, What ye see good, do ye for the holy house and the houses of Jerusalem, even that which ye love, with all your heart.
17. Then the people gave willingly, for the service of the house of God, and for the service of the kings' sons.
18. So I returned, and came to Jerusalem, and set in the place where before time I had built, and I founded the place thereof.
and they are taking from them bread and wine after silver shekels forty moreover lads of them they had power and I not I did so from faces of fear of people, and had taken of them bread and wine, besides forty shekels of silver. yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God.

16 Yea, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants [were] gathered thither unto the work.

17 Moreover [there were] at my table an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, beside those that came unto us from among the heathen that [are] about us.

18 Now [that] which was prepared [for me] daily [was] one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people.

19 Think upon me, my God, for good, [according] to all that I have done for this people.