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In the primitive Church, everyone who believed was equal and they held all their things in common, Act. [2:44]. Just as those approaching to the faith made common things from their personal things, so those withdrawing from the faith made the common things their own things. Wherefore and a triple penalty came from the sin of possession.

First, the subtraction of divine help, Jos. 7[:12]: “I will be no more with you, till you destroy him.”

¶ The figures for this the manna failed when the children of Israel took from the fruits of the earth.

Second, the lordship of the enemies, Jos. 7[:25]: “All the people of Israel stoned him.”

And Acts 5[:1]: Ananias and Saphira because they reserved part they perished.