Fateful N.T. Texts: Looking to Things Unseen

2 Corinthians 4: 18: We look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

1 Corinthians 9: If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? ¹² If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more?

Do I say this on human authority? Does not the Torah say the same? ⁹ For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰ Does he not speak entirely for our sake?

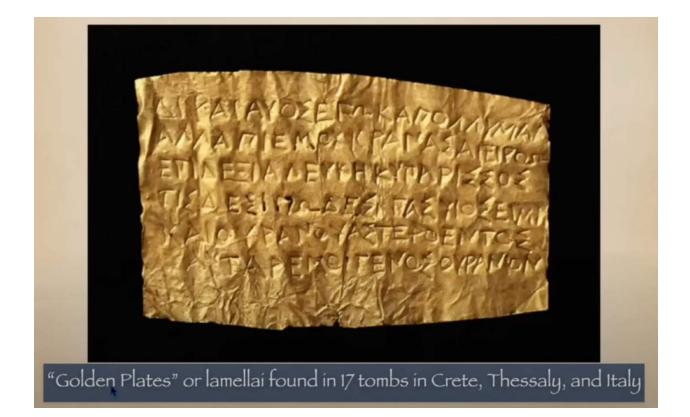
Genesis 1-3: Good Earth; Humans "given dominion" i.e. "Dress and Keep" the Garden in Eden

May no fate willfully misunderstand me And half grant what I wish and snatch me away Not to return. Earth's the right place for love: I don't know where it's likely to go better. I'd like to go by climbing a birch tree, And climb black branches up a snow-white trunk *Toward* heaven, till the tree could bear no more, But dipped its top and set me down again. That would be good both going and coming back. One could do worse than be a swinger of birches.

Robert Frost "Birches"

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You will find to the left of the House of Hades a spring, And by the side thereof standing a white cypress. To this spring approach not near. But you shall find another, from the lake of Memory Cold water flowing forth, and there are guardians before it. Say, "I am a child of Earth and starry Heaven; But my race is of Heaven alone. This you know yourselves.

But I am parched with thirst and I perish. Give me quickly the cold water flowing forth from the lake of Memory." And of themselves they will give you to drink of the holy spring: And thereafter you will have lordship among the other heroes.