

## Exodus 45 – Slaves to Friends of Christ Foretold

Exodus (Names) – Changing the World  
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### Understanding the Flow of Events

- Mount Horeb - God demonstrates the separation between His holiness and man's unholiness
- God speaks to the people the Ten Precepts defining holiness and illustrating their unholiness
- People refuse to directly communicate with God and choose a man as intercessor, Moses

### Continuing the Flow of Events

- God desired to speak to His people through the blood of His Intercessor, the man-God, Christ Jesus (Altar)
- God discussed rules for slaves pointing ahead to the teaching that, in the flesh, all are under slavery to:
  - Sin
  - Christ

## Freedom - Does Not Exist

- Freedom is another word for rebellion
- Bible is clear: (Lev. 6:15-18)
  - Slave to Christ
  - Slave to Satan (Sin)
- No totally free position - rebellion to Christ



## Specifics for Slaves

### Male Slaves

- Decried by courts or sold one self due to poverty
- Released during sabbatical year (seventh year)
- Given provisions when released to restart life

### Female Slaves

- Sold by father for bride and for household duties
- If as master's bride, she is treated with honor
- If as son's bride she is treated as a daughter

## Further Clarification of Slaves

### Male Slaves

- He is not to be treated with rigor (Steward, etc.)
- He is not to be sold to foreigners, if so-redeemed
- During Jubilee his lands and home restored to him

### Female Slaves

- She is not to be sexually abused
- She is not to be sold to foreigners - ever
- If she is found unsuitable she is to be redeemed

## Final Understanding of Slaves

### Male Slaves

- If he comes in single – he goes out single
- If he marries, his wife and children remain behind
- If he comes in married he leaves married

### Female Slaves

- She can only come into slavery single
- She can be pledged for marriage and treated so
- Major difference, if she is discharged, she leaves empty handed (Divorced)  
Lu 15:8-10

## Voluntary Perpetual Slavery

- Option available only to the male (since he cannot marry into the family via the daughters)
- If he desires to remain with the family as their slave
  - He marries and wants to remain with his wife
  - He loves his master and gives up property rights
- Comes with master before God and ear is pierced

## Myth of Bond-Servant

- There is NO Hebrew word to denote a change in status from slave to servant; he remains an *ebed* (slave) forever
- Fasten his ear to the door of the Temple unifies him to his master through God forever (as long as he lives)
- The phrase *bond-servant* implies a change that did not exist, he was not a paid servant but remained a slave

## Special Years (Le 25)

- Male could only sale himself, or be sentenced, a slave for six years (Mirrored Sabbath of Creation and week)
  - He had to be released during the Sabbatical year
  - His worth calculated on length of service
- Every seven Sabbaticals came the Jubilee (Jobel-Trumpet) and all property was to be restored to rightful heirs (Mirrored Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)) (De 16:9-12)

## Jews Ignored Special Years

- Jews were sent into Babylonian Captivity for 70 years to account for those Jubel years the Jews ignored (2Ch 36:20-21, Jr 29:7-12)
- After their return they continued to ignore the Sabbatical years, God pronounced judgment (Is 44:12-27)
- God uses the 70 years to account for Israel's redemptive history, we await His final Jubel (Is 9:24-27)

## New Testament Slave – Christ

- Christ praised the Centurion, man under authority (slave), possessing correct understanding of faith (Mk 8:5-10)
- Isaiah describes Messiah as a slave who was marred beyond recognition, violation of the Law (Is 53:1, Lk 52:13-14)
- Christ told His apostles that they could not be above Him and were therefore slaves also (Lk 13:16-17)

## Thus, We Are Also Slaves

- Paul makes very clear that we are slaves to either:
  - Satan (Sin; Self)
  - Christ
- Peter reiterates this thought in his writings (1Pe 2:16)
  - Christ has set us free from sin but not from Him (1Pe 8:2)
- Law of Excluded Middle – No third choice of freedom

## Man's Freedom in an Illusion

- Jews of Christ's time and Christians, so called, of today claim to be free; i.e., that they are not slaves (1Jo 8:31-36)
  - Christ tells us to recognize such thoughts are wrong, based on illusion hiding our true condition (1Jo 5:17-18)
  - We are to buy the true gold from Him, seek the true Gospel so we may mature in Him (1Jo 5:12-14)
- But there is a freedom in Christ being His slaves (1Jo 15:13-16)

## Christ's Freedom is NOT Free Choice

- Means you are free, and willing, to live with Christ's law
  - You are different; thus, your "wants" change (1Co 5:17)
  - You being living the Ten Precepts from a changed nature
  - But you cannot do this yourself in this fleshly body (Ro 7:4-6, 14:20, 24:25)
- Based on His work, we are adopted sons, becoming like Him; i.e., slaves to the Father (1Jo 1:5-14)

## Christianity Mirrors Willing Slavery

- The slave who willingly chose to remain a slave taken to the Temple and made one with the door of the Temple (ear pierced to the door) (No record of this occurring in Scripture) (Lev 19:28)
- Those who become Christians are willing slaves having their hearts changed and connected to Christ, the doorway to the Father and salvation

## When Do We Change from Friends (Sons)

- Remember the Jubel when the slave:
  - Set free from all bondage
    - Sabbatical year only gave freedom from slavery
  - Returns to his inheritance
- Jubel means "trumpet blast" which sounds similar to another event spoken of in the New Testament

## Christ Calls His Slaves (1Th 4:13-17)

- Christ has a Jubel for His who are of the New Covenant (salvation) which is His Church
  - He will descend with a shout like a trumpet blast
  - Only His own shall hear Him
  - The saved dead will arise in their "new bodies"
  - Those living will then arise in their "new bodies"
- We will never be separated from Him, ever (Ro 8:31-39)

## Thus, We Transition

- This becomes our *Jobel* (Jubilee)
  - We lose our fleshly body that enslaves us
  - We gain mature understanding of Christ (1Co- 13:9-12)
  - We come into our complete inheritance, reserved for us
- Our salvation in our flesh in our Sabbatical release but it is only partial; the *Jobel* completes our transition as we receive the inheritance reserved for us (1Co 4:1-8)

## Abraham's Heirs (1Co 1:29)

- We are numbered with the heirs of Abraham's promise in that we also receive salvation (1Co 15:54; Ga 3:16-19; He 11:12)
  - This does imply that Christians replaced the Jews
  - The Promise was given not to men but to Christ
  - Rejected by the Jews, for a time, He sent His Gospel to the Gentiles, for a time (Ro 10:16-11:36)
  - He will come again for His true Jews fulfilling His promises to them as He has to us

## Rules for Slaves Depicts Us

- This is not dry, boring, useless facts from an ancient time but living words pointing to Christ and His promises for us now and in the future
- We are His slaves waiting, like all creation, for the redemption of our bodies that we may be free from the sin that so easily besets us, Amen (Ro 8:18-25; 1Co 15:35-50)
- We await our *Jobel*, trumpet call, signaling completion