

Exodus 21.1-11

True Freedom Training

Been LOOKING at 10 Commandments – Laws God wrote on Stone w/ Finger

Now come Down from GLORY of SINAI to the GRITTY STEETS

From CLEAR PRINCIPLES of LAW to CLOUDY PRACTICES of LIFE

OSCAR Pistorius KILLED Girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp – Jail for 6 years Maybe

Hillary – Monkey Business w/ Emails – Not Going Jail, Maybe White House

IGNORED RED Lights on my WAY Here – Not GET CAUGHT! Yet...

Section of Exodus NOT Speak Directly to EVERY POSSIBLE Situation

LAW CODES in our Homelands FILL ENTIRE LIBRARIES!

1. Context: Ancient Scripture

HEBREWS Just Left Slavery – Now Make sure Slave Mentality has Left Them!

Several MILLION – 2 to 4 – FORMER Slaves about to Walk thru Wilderness

Almaty, KZ – Population 2 to 3 Million – 1000's Miles of Vacant Steppe

Imagine MAYOR Announced “Pack Up! Tomorrow we MARCH Out!”

People Comfortably Settled for YEARS in COZY HOMES > Leave All Behind

Face Issues NEVER Anticipated – Drinking Water, Food Supply, Toilet Needs

Marching Order – Who Leads? – Where are Going? – Protection and Provisions

Who Arbitrates Disputes? – What Happens when Get SICK? – Epidemics??

When get to Promised LAND – How will Occupy? – How will be ALLOTTED?

For US > BORING BITS of Bible > If you're Marching Kazakh wanna Know

See GOD is Lord of DETAILS – Really does Care about HAIRS on our Heads

PRINCIPLES for THEIR Time apply to ALL Times > God NEVER Changes

v. 1 “Now these are the rules that you shall set before them.

Move from LAWS on STONE to Legal Guidelines on SCRAPS of Parchment

He (Moses) took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.”
Exodus 24.7

“Book of the COVENANT” > CASE LAWS Direct Leaders ISRAEL

IMPORTANT that we RIGHTLY Understand these SLAVE Laws in OT
FIRST – Probably Not Best WORD CHOICE to use Word “Slave” here
SLAVERY – One of GREATEST SINS of the USA – Still Consequences

10’s of 1000’s AFRICANS brought to AMERICA Against their WILL
NO HOPE of FREEDOM, Little Hope of having ANY Kind of FUTURE

Were FEW Benevolent Slave OWNERS – SCOURGE on Nation

American Slave Owners used BIBLE to Support their BEHAVIOR

“Whoever steals a man and sells him, and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death.”
Exodus 21.16

STEALING Sometimes Killing of Africans – Into Forced Slavery Not our Topic

Other PEOPLES Came to America in Ships – INDENTURED SERVANTS

DEBT – Could Not Pay for their PASSAGE – FORCED Employment, Pay Debt

Once Debt PAID – People were FREE to Live the Life of their CHOICE

SYSTEM – Temporary, Provided New Opportunities, Offered FRESH START

“If your brother becomes poor and cannot maintain himself with you, you shall support him as though he were a stranger and a sojourner, and he shall live with you. Take no interest from him or profit, but fear your God, that your brother may live beside you. You shall not lend him your money at interest, nor give him your food for profit. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God. “If your brother becomes poor beside you and sells himself to you, you shall not make him serve

as a slave: he shall be with you as a hired worker and as a sojourner. He shall serve with you until the year of the jubilee. Then he shall go out from you, he and his children with him, and go back to his own clan and return to the possession of his fathers. For they are my servants, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves. You shall not rule over him ruthlessly but shall fear your God.

Leviticus 25.35-43

2. Covenant – One God, Different Covenants

One of the WORKS of Jesus was to make a NEW COVENANT – Ends OLD

Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well... For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God... This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

Hebrews 7.11-22

COVENANT – Like a CONTRACT – BINDING Relationship with God

Many RENT Apartments – Contract w/ Landlord

Imagine you MOVE Apartments > NEW Contract, New Landlord

Call from OLD Landlord – Where's My RENT Money?? – NO BASIS to Pay PAID in FULL and MOVED OUT – Old Contract has NO CLAIM on You Now

SPECIFIC Laws of OT are Not BINDING on CHRISTIAN CHURCH

IF there is a CHANGE of Law – What do we DO with Hebrew Scriptures...

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Romans 15.4

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 1 Corinthians 10.11

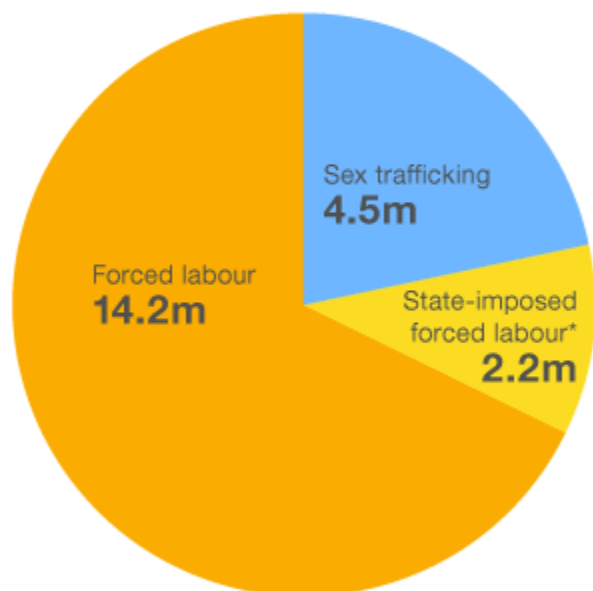
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3.16,17

3. Context: Modern Society



Types of 'modern slavery'

20.9 million
victims worldwide

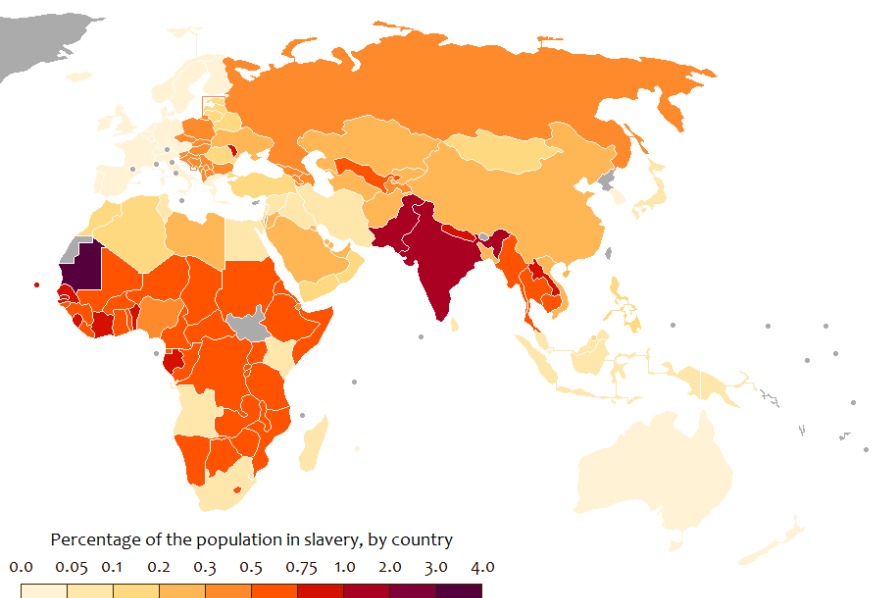


*Such as prison labour or work imposed by armed forces

Source: International Labor Organization

Modern incidence of slavery

Data from the Walk Free Foundation (2013)



Top 10 Facts About Modern Slavery

- ❑ Slavery: forced to work without pay under threat of violence and unable to walk away.
- ❑ 27 million slaves in the world today.
- ❑ Slavery is not legal anywhere but happens everywhere.
- ❑ The majority of slaves can be found in India and in African countries.
- ❑ Each year, thousands of slaves are trafficked into the US.
- ❑ Slaves work in fields, brothels, homes, mines, restaurants -- anywhere slave owners can feed their greed.
- ❑ Human trafficking is the modern-day slave trade.
- ❑ \$90 is the average cost of a human slave around the world.
- ❑ Slave holders use many terms to avoid the word slavery: debt bondage, bonded labor, attached labor, restavec, forced labor, indentured servitude, and human trafficking.
- ❑ We can end slavery in our lifetime. Everyone has a role to play - government, business, international organizations, consumers, YOU.



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4. Christian Principles: What is affirmed & confirmed by New Testament?

a. People are Priceless – Greatest Focus of God’s Concern and Ours

people who are made in the likeness of God James 3.9

Image of God – Potentially Redeemed by Blood of Christ & Filled w/ Spirit

Jesus and Apostles gave their LIVES for People > Greatest Sacrifice

put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.
Ephesians 4.22-24

b. Production – God made us to Work

God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Genesis 1.28

Different ECONOMIC Systems – Capitalism, Socialism, Communism

Each Reflect AND Violate Biblical Principles

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. 2 Thessalonians 3.10

But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 1 Timothy 5.8

c. Problems – When the System breaks Down, We are to Care for Others

CRUSHING Reality – Sometimes NO JOBS in Collapsed Economies

Exodus > Slaves helping Slaves – UNDERSTAND Need and Do Something

FAMINE – WAR – DROUGHT – POOR HARVEST

In Los Angeles on Wilshire Blvd – Fancy Hotel – Men’s Restroom

Homeless Man with His Bags – BATHING in Marble SINK

“You are ONE PAY CHECK away from being where I Am!”

“If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be.

Deuteronomy 15.7,8

And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Acts 2.44,45

For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness.

2 Corinthians 8.13,14

d. Protection – No One has the Right to Abuse or Exploit People

v. 3 If he comes in single, he shall go out single; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him.

PRESERVES the SANCTITY of Marriage – Keeps FAMILY Together

v. 4 If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master’s, and he shall go out alone.

ARRANGED Marriage with Man who was WORK in PROGRESS

MAYBE he is STILL a JERK > Woman and Kids NOT FORCED to Go With

KEEPS Family – Mom and Kids TOGETHER – Under Protection of Master

If a stranger or sojourner with you becomes rich, and your brother beside him becomes poor and sells himself to the stranger or sojourner with you or to a member of the stranger's clan, then after he is sold he may be redeemed. One of his brothers may redeem him, or his uncle or his cousin may redeem him, or a close relative from his clan may redeem him. Or if he grows rich he may redeem himself. Leviticus 25.47-49

IF all is well you COULD REDEEM Wife and Kids > Purchase their Freedom

God loves His Daughters!

v. 7 “When a man sells his daughter as a slave, she shall not go out as the male slaves do.

Man SOLD Daughter to IMPROVE her Prospects in Life

Form of ARRANGED Marriage – Buyer, his SON

She becomes PERMANENT Member of WEALTHY Household

Ancient World – Woman who did NOT BELONG to Household in DANGER

In order to FLOURISH Women Needed Support & Protection of Community

Three Specific Protections:

v. 8 If she does not please her master, who has designated her for himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He shall have no right to sell her to a foreign people, since he has broken faith with her.

1. Master who decided NOT WANT her must RETURN HER to her FAMILY
Probationary Period – Things NOT WORK – Honorable Thing Send her Home

v. 9 If he designates her for his son, he shall deal with her as with a daughter.

2. Master so PLEASED with Woman she will MARRY his SON

She becomes RESPECTED & IMPORTANT Member of the Household

Form of Adoption – Married Woman in Israel Full Rights of Free Citizen

vs. 10,11 If he takes another wife to himself, he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, or her marital rights. And if he does not do these three things for her, she shall go out for nothing, without payment of money.

3. Woman PROMISED in Marriage must be PROTECTED & PROVIDED For
Even after SEPARATION or DIVORCE – She cannot be ABANDONED

FOUNDATIONAL Principles for CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.
1 Peter 3.7

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.
James 2.1

e. Preparation for Life – Not a “Hand Out” but Family Membership

If your brother becomes poor and cannot maintain himself with you, you shall support him as though he were a stranger and a sojourner, and he shall live with you.
Leviticus 25.35

The Biblical form of slavery had a constructive purpose...for the servant and the master...the purpose of slavery in Israel was to train men and women to become productive members of society. The reason they had to become servants in the first place was because they were in debt, sometimes through their own negligence and sometimes to make restitution for theft...their servitude was made necessary by their sin. But rather than being condemned to a life of perpetual poverty, they had a chance to improve their situation. Slavery was God’s way of training irresponsible men to manage their affairs. Philip Ryken

Some SOCIETIES Push Eachother to do their Best – All DEVELOP

Other Societies TEAR Eachother Down and NOBODY Succeeds

JEWS – World against them – Not just SURVIVED > THRIVED

POOR JEW is a Shame to the whole SOCIETY

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. Acts 4.32

Learning HOW to WORK & SUCCEED – Requires MENTORS & Support

Practice of APPRENTICESHIP is Needed to Grow Next Generation

f. Picture – Jesus, the Slave sent from Heaven, paid price of Eternal Redemption

vs. 5,6 But if the slave plainly says, ‘I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,’ then his master shall bring him to God, and he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall be his slave forever.

So DIFFERENT from BAD Days of SLAVERY --- Pictured in Djiango Movies

Here is a SERVANT who NEVER Wants to Leave – LOVES the Master!

PUBLIC Ceremony – Make Formal Declaration to the ELDERS, BEFORE God

No DOUBT about his INTENTIONS – Not KIDNAPPED but a Free CHOICE

EAR PIERCED – Most IMPORTANT Part of SERVANTS Body – EAR

HEAR!! Then OBEY the Word of the Master

Attached to Master’s Household by BLOOD of THIS Covenant

Totally VOLUNTARY > See SERVANT w/ Earring, Chosen Life of Service

VOLUNTARY Act of LIFELONG Love

What kind of master would deserve so much love? ... a good master. He took care of all his servants needs... a kind master, he treated his servant as a friend. ...generous. He had the servant's best interests at heart...it was only natural for the servant to love him in return. Rather than looking for freedom elsewhere, the servant had found it in his master's house. Philip Ryken

DAVID found this FREEDOM in God's Service

In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have pierced my ears. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." Psalm 40.6-8

TRUE Freedom Found not in Serving Ourselves --- but God

I will run in the way of your commandments when you set my heart free! Psalm 119.32

We Serve a MASTER who has MADE HIMSELF Our SLAVE

But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10.43-45

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant Philippians 2.5-7

That man is truly free...who is entirely God's. Ambrose

Story told of ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Visited SLAVE Auction and was Appalled by Buying / Selling Human Beings

Heart went Out to Young Woman whose Eyes Filled w/ Anger & Contempt

Abused all her Life – Auction was One More Cruel Humiliation

Lincoln Outbid Everyone and Purchased this Hostile Woman

Told her, “I am going to set you free”

“Free!?” she asked “Free for what?”

Lincoln replied, “Just Free, Completely Free”

She “Free to DO what I want to DO?” YES!

She “Free to SAY what I want to SAY?” YES!

She “Free to GO what I want to GO?” YES!

She then Smiled and Said, “In that Case, I am GOING WITH YOU!”

Exodus 21.1 “Now these are the rules that you shall set before them. 2 When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free, for nothing. 3 If he comes in single, he shall go out single; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him. 4 If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master’s, and he shall go out alone. 5 But if the slave plainly says, ‘I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,’ 6 then his master shall bring him to God, and he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall be his slave forever.

7 “When a man sells his daughter as a slave, she shall not go out as the male slaves do. 8 If she does not please her master, who has designated her for himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He shall have no right to sell her to a foreign people, since he has broken faith with her. 9 If he designates her for his son, he shall deal with her as with a daughter. 10 If he takes another wife to himself, he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, or her marital rights. 11 And if he does not do these three things for her, she shall go out for nothing, without payment of money.