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Jesus Christ-The Perfect Servant

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And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever. Exodus 21:5-6

During a recent bible conversation in which I was blessed to be included, I had people tell me that they find the first five books of the bible to be tough to read. While I don't agree with them, I do see why they think that. When reading the first six verses of Exodus 21 (also see Deuteronomy 15:12-18), some may find themselves frustrated wondering how these ordinances apply to them. People living in today's society are not very likely to be able to see the need to read about laws concerning the purchase of servants and their duration of servitude. Jesus instructs us about how to deal with these discouragements and gain more from the reading and study of His word when He spoke these words which are recorded in the 5th chapter of the gospel of John, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." The bible is Jesus' testimony. He's on every page. If we look to learn about Him, the reading and study is sure to be less stressful.

The scriptures above from Exodus 21 are not only teaching the nation of Israel about societal standards concerning servants, but the Lord is also writing about the Son of God. Jesus Christ is the perfect servant. He came into this world to serve His father (John 6:38). He came to minister (to serve) the needs of the people of God (Mark 10:45). When I read of the miracles that Jesus performed and the many people that He healed during His earthly ministry, I don't read of one that He performed for His own well being. I read of a compassionate Lord who healed and served for the well being of others and for the glory of God the Father. While seated with His disciples following the Passover supper, the Lord says, "For whether [is] greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? [is] not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth (Luke 22:27)." Jesus taught the path of servitude. Jesus Christ lived and died for others and He did it perfectly. In His prayer to God that is recorded in John 17, Jesus "...lifted his eyes up to heaven.." and said, "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." How many other servants of God can say that? I know the sinner who is authoring this article cannot. When I think of my worthlessness, I feel like the praying publican, unable to lift up my eyes unto heaven (Luke 18:13).

Jesus serves His people from His throne in heaven. Jesus is seated on the right hand of God (place of honor and authority-Heb 1:3) serving as mediator between God and His children (I Tim 2:5). He's there to hear our prayers and supply our needs. He's our perfect mediator and He shall never fail (Isaiah 42:4).

The text in Exodus 21 says that this servant "will not go out free" and praise God that Jesus won't go out free. Our Lord loves his master, God. Our Lord loves his bride, the Church. Our Lord loves his children, God's elect (John 17:2,9). He hasn't left us alone in this world (Heb 13:5) and when He comes for his people, He won't leave one behind (John 6:39).

While scripture doesn't teach us that Jesus had His ear literally bore through with an aul, it does teach us that His body was pierced (John 19:34-37) and that His hands bore nail scars (John 20:25) from being nailed to the cross (also see Psa 40:6 and Heb 10:5-6). Jesus Christ is the perfect servant. May the Lord bless each of us to not only seek Him in the writings of His word, but to look for Him coming in the clouds (I Thes 4: 16-18) on that grand and glorious day when we shall see His face and spend eternity with God's perfect servant.

Macedonia Church Announcements:

1. We enjoyed a blessed meeting in the Lord with Brother Michael Gowens in February. His messages have been put on our website. If you were unable to attend on Friday night due to the weather, or would like to listen to the messages, please take time to download the sermons. The Lord richly blessed his preaching.
 2. Lord willing, we will eat at church on Sunday, April 18th following morning services. We will reconvene following lunch to sing hymns. Please make plans to stay and enjoy the fellowship.
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Announcements from Sister Churches:

1. Rome Midway Primitive Baptist church will have their Spring meeting on Friday, April 9th and Saturday April 10th. Services will be on Friday night at 7:00, Saturday morning at 10:30 with lunch and afternoon services following. Their meeting will conclude on Sunday with morning services, lunch and communion following lunch.
2. Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church in Statesboro, GA will have their annual meeting starting with communion on Thursday, April 15th at 7:00. Services will continue on Friday night at 7:00, Saturday morning at 10:30 with lunch and afternoon services to follow. Their meeting will conclude on Sunday morning.