

Title: The Bondservant
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Exodus 21:1-6

Now these are the rules that you shall set before them. ²When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free, for nothing. ³If he comes in single, he shall go out single; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him.

⁴If 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. ⁵But if the slave plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,' ⁶then 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.

a: Doulos definition:

being devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests

John 7:17

If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority

John 14:21

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.

John 8:35-36

The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 1:12

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...

John 15:14-15

You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

b: Questions to ask yourself:

Am I a bondservant of Christ?

Am I a servant of my fellow Christians?

Am I prepared to say, 'I'll do whatever, where-ever and whenever you want me to Lord?'

Am I prepared to hand over my will to the Lord and let Him take care of me?

Are you willing to obey God in that what He has commanded you a while ago and you have not done yet?