

WAS JESUS BORN INTO SLAVERY
SHARING CHRIST'S SPIRIT OF INCARNATION

EXODUS 21:1-11
PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

- Intro:
1. Does God endorse slavery in His Word?
 2. What was a slave, a bondservant, a maidservant?
 3. We see the very first of the 600+ laws elaborated on in the Old Testament is the institution of servanthood in Exo.21, and how Jesus' incarnation and your life are affected by it.

Prop: **You must Imitate Christ's Servanthood.**

I. By Surrendering Self to Sustain the Family (Exo.20:1-3).

1. v.1, Judgement = verdict; divine law (the final word)
v.2, servant=worker; laborer
2. A strong commitment to family results in selfless sacrifice.
3. Three types of servanthood:
 - a. Hebrew fellows who needed money for family
 - b. Prisoners of war (outsiders living around Israel)
 - c. Post-Exilic "Netinim"—an order of servants for the Temple

All were under the same ordinances of God's law, protected and provided a system to handle basic needs for labor.

Scripture (25:39ff) allows for freedom in 6 years, wages and freedom upon abusive treatment, opportunities for family to redeem (buy back) estranged women and No Slave Trade.

4. Philippians 1:12-13;2:1-4 illustrate Paul's sacrifice to see the family of faith grow spiritually.
5. Folks, these are the days to consider your personal investment in spiritual devotion to the point of fully surrendering to Jesus as Savior, surrendering self to service in the local church, and surrendering your gains as an example for your own family to be saved...

Will you surrender to Christ as an eternal example to draw your family closer to the Lord?

II. By Sacrificing Self for Others (Exo.20:4-6).

1. "given him a wife" = another servant not yet free
v.5 "love" = have affection for (emotional attachment)
v.6 "serve" = to work for
2. Loving devotion translates into selfless giving for another's benefit.

3. Philippians 2:5-8 show us the love Jesus had for us, as His very image marred by sin, He came to redeem man as His bride
4. Rev. 12:17 give the invitation for you to come to Jesus, giving yourself wholly to Him as He has given Himself wholly for you. Will you come today to be joined again with the One who sacrificed His all to be pierced and nailed to a tree for you?

III. By Sustaining Sacred Ordinances(Exo.20:7-11).

1. "maidservant" = female laborer
"betrothed" = to engage for marriage
2. God's ordinances demand personal accountability.
3. The female servant could not be sold under a male master unless there was promise of marriage. If that promise were not upheld, she was not traded as other laborers, but rather redeemed by her family and set free without further ties.
4. Philippians 2:9-16 illustrate the demands set on us as believers to exemplify God's power to all the world.
5. Dear friend, today is the day to set things right in your life, evaluate how bright your light of commitment to God's way. Will you come and make or renew your way with God today?



Trinity Children's Challenge

Exodus 21:1-11 speaks of People who become Servants to help their families survive.

What was the most time a person could serve as a servant according to Exodus 21:2? ___ years

Make a list of every type of family member listed in verses 3-6:

W ___ ___ ___ ; S ___ ___ ___ ; D _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
C _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

According to verse 5, what made a man stay longer than six years as servant? ___ ___ ___ ___

Were women treated differently than men (vs.7)? Yes No

READ Philippians 2:5-8> Match words & pictures



"Obedient unto death"



"Made in the likeness of man"



"Took...the form of a servant"