

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen #72

“Servanthood for Life – Slavery: Part B” – Exodus 21:5-6

I. The Bible and servanthood.

A. New Testament.

1. Mark 10:45; Matthew 20:20-28

B. The importance of a ransom.

1. Redemption is a synonym – Exodus 6:6-7

2. I Peter 1:18-19

a. Substitutionary atonement is in view.

3. The ransom idea harks back to Isaiah.

a. Isaiah 53:11

b. Also found in Paul – Romans 5:12-17

4. We are to imitate Christ.

a. Dan Doriani

C. Today’s text: Exodus 21:5-6

II. Exposition

A. Verse 5

1. A repetition is in play with the Hebrew.

a. “Saying, he says”

2. “I love my master, wife, and children.”

a. After six years of labor!

B. Verse 6

1. “His master shall bring him to God.”

a. A public ceremony.

2. “To God” – Representatives of the Covenant Community (Elders). Compare Exodus 22:8-9

3. Pastor Don’s thesis.

a. Beginning with Ezekiel 34:2b-4.

b. Al Mohler

c. Note Jesus’ remarks on the power of the church court.

1. Matthew 16:18-19; Matthew 18:18

a. Binding and loosing are rabbinic terms for f_____ and p_____.

d. The authority of heaven follows the authority of the church – a surprise!

C. Back to verses 5-6.

1. Symbolic.

a. The ear – you must h_____ before you can o_____.

b. The door – formal attachment to the m_____ h_____.

c. Blood – always key and necessary for ratification of a covenant.

2. Why would a servant do this?

a. L_____.

3. This provision in the law teaches about our relationship to God.

a. David – Psalm 40:6-8

1. Note different translations.

2. Jesus did not need his ears opened. He humbly bound himself to the Father’s will – as a slave would do.

b. This is the only way to find true f_____.

1. Psalm 119:32; John 15:15

c. The words of David are really the words of Jesus.

1. Philippians 2:7; Mark 10:45

4. Ambrose

5. Closing Illustration.

III. Points for Reflection.

A. Binding ends in freedom.

B. Jesus blood is sufficient.

C. True freedom comes not by serving ourselves, but by choosing to become servants of God.