



## Servant-hood vs. Servitude

What if God chose to use you? First in the natural and then in the supernatural, we see below an example of a foreshadow of deliverance ministry. Observe the similarities.

*These are the ordinances that you shall set before them: When you buy a male Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, but in the seventh He shall go out a free person, without debt. If he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him. 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. But if the slave declares, "I love my master, my wife and my children; I will not go out a free person," then his master shall bring him before God. He shall be brought to the door or the doorpost; and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him for life. Exodus 21:1-6*

A. Many Israelites were hirelings-service for pay, slaves held as property, servants To their Hebrew brethren; they were held in higher respect than foreign slaves.

- captives of war
- poverty
- born into slavery
- restitution for theft
- unable to be independent

B. Bond-servants were to be treated with respect and kindness. The impoverished man was to work 6 years but the 7<sup>th</sup> year, the year of jubilee the man was to be freed, released from bondage. --- *Leviticus 25:40-43*

C. At that time, the slave was to choose freedom or become a bondservant, no longer a slave. The piercing of the ear was a covenant made on the doorpost (which was considered sacred) between servant and master. This covenant was a promise of perpetual servant-hood instead of servitude,

1. Love of the master
2. To stay in the master's house and care for it
3. To stay under the master's care



Why...because the love of the master and allegiance of love was more valued in the eyes of the slave, than his own personal freedom.

### 3 Ways to Obtain Freedom

1. The year of jubilee
2. Redemption- a relative may be redeemed at any time (bought for a price)
3. Becoming an Heir

We've been sold into slavery, bought with a price and redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb!

- a. *For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. Romans 7:14*
- b. *...He entered once and for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. Hebrews 9:12*
- c. *...it is the very Spirit that bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ---if in fact we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. Romans 8:16*
- d. *Let each of you look not to your own interest, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus... he "emptied himself taking the form of a slave... Philippians 2:4*

### Bondservants

- a. *For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. Galatians 5:13*
- b. *Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2*
- c. **Philippians 1:1: Paul and Timothy, bondservants**  
**Titus 1:1: Paul a bondservant**



**James 1:1: James, a bondservant**

**Peter 1:1: Simeon Peter, a bondservant**

**Jude 1: Jude, a bondservant**

**We are to be more than a servant, but a bondservant, submitted to our Master and Father out of love instead of obligation, desiring His will over our own personal desires.**

**Jubilee-Hebrew--yobel--a blast of a trumpet---*Leviticus 25*, After the Sabbatical year, 6 years of working the land, on the 7<sup>th</sup> the land shall rest, COMPLETE REST, lie fallow---*Exodus 23:10-11***

- 1. Complete rest for the soil---no sowing, reaping, gathering, man was freed from the labor of sowing, man was free to enjoy God's provision**
- 2. Reversion of the landed property--- any land or property that one was forced to sell because of poverty was to be returned to him, revert without payment to its original owner or its lawful heirs**
- 3. Manumission of Israelites--- Israelites sold self through poverty, go out free with his children, ownership became matter of hire, all persons in bondage for debt were released  
All landed property of debtors freely returned**

#### **Jubilee**

- Year of freedom**
- Deliverance from lack**
- Provision from the Lord**
- Oppression lifted, ceased**
- Covenant blessings for God's people**
- Restoration for family and return of property**