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Slavery:

A Biblically Correct View

We have no hope of defending Biblically correct values on slavery if we don't even know what they are.
Biblically correct values are what the Bible says they are, not what secular "leaders" say they are.
Are you going to believe secular "leaders" who don't know what the Bible says, or are you going to believe the Bible?

Dear fellow Christian:

If you've bothered to read this tract, then you must be serious about defending Biblically correct values on one of the most important issues in American history – namely, slavery. So let's not play around; let's go straight to the one source that matters – the King James Bible – and find out what God has consistently told us throughout the Holy Bible about slavery. We're not going to sugar-coat Biblical truths to make them more politically correct for modern liberals, so if you're offended by what you read here, you're offended by God, not us.

The Book of Exodus forbids slavery, right?

Exodus 21:2-11, 20-21: "If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him. If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself. 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.

"And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do. If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her. And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters. If he take him another [wife]; her food, her raiment, and her duty of

marriage, shall he not diminish. And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money. * * *

"And if a man smite his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely punished. Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he [is] his money." (Note that last bit: Beating your slave to death is acceptable as long as it's a lingering death.)

But slavery in the Bible wasn't ethnicity-based, as it was in the American South, right?

Lev. 25:44-46: "Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have, [shall be] of the heathen that are round about you; of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids. Moreover of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that [are] with you, which they begat in your land: and they shall be your possession. And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit [them for] a possession; they shall be your bondmen for ever: but over your brethren the children of Israel, ye shall not rule one over another with rigour."

How about the kindler, gentler New Testament?

Eph. 6:5: "Servants, be obedient to them that are [your] masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ."

1 Tim. 6:1-2: "Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and [his] doctrine be not blasphemed. And they that have believing masters, let them not despise [them], because they are brethren; but rather do [them] service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort."

1 Cor. 7:21: "Art thou called [being] a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use [it] rather." (Other translations have this as variations on "Even supposing you could go free, you would be better off making the most of your slavery.")