

DOCTRINE OF SLAVERY

- I. Slavery exists in 2 realms, the temporal and the spiritual, and in each realm there is a good and an evil connotation. Compelled slavery is wrong.
- II. Slavery as an institution is not condemned in the Bible, Gen.16:1-6; 24; Phile.10-16
- III. Safeguards for both master and slave were provided for in the Mosaic Covenant. Note: The master is always greater than the slave. Ex.21:1-11 cp.Joh.13:16
- IV. Sources of slaves.
 - A. Foreign slaves by capture in war. Deu.21:10-14; Jdg.5:30; 1Sam.4:9; 2Chr.28:1-15
 - B. By purchase. Exo.12:44; 21:2
 - C. By birth. Gen.15:3; Jer.2:14
 - D. As restitution for crime. Exo.22:3
 - E. By default on debts. 2Kgs.4:1
 - F. Self-sale. Lev.25:39-43
 - G. Abduction (wrong). Exo.21:16; Deu.24:7
- V. Slaves possessed certain rights under the Mosaic Law. Exo.21:1-11; Deu.15:12-18; 21:10-14; Lev.25:44-46
- VI. Israel's Egyptian slavery (tyrannical).
 - A. This was the subject of prophecy, Gen.15:13. Soul slavery leads to body slavery. The Jews were slaves in their souls before they were in body slavery.
 - B. It was the result of anti-Semitism.
 - C. This involved both soul and body slavery.
 - D. They were delivered by grace in association with maturity.
- VII. Eliezer epitomizes greatness in the servant class. Gen.24
- VIII. Because of degeneracy, certain nations have been reduced to slave status. Gen.9:25-27
- IX. Soul slavery precedes overt slavery.
- X. Paul's instructions concerning the master-slave relationship teach the employer-employee relationship. Eph.6:5-9; Col.3:22; 4:1
- XI. The human race is born into slavery (1Cor.7:21-23). The unbeliever is a 3-fold slave.
 - A. The unbeliever is spiritually dead, a resident of the slave market of sin.
 - B. The unbeliever is a slave to the old sin nature (OSN/STA).
 - C. The unbeliever is a slave to human viewpoint.
- XII. God's plan solves the problems of satanic slavery based on positive volition.
 - A. Doctrine of redemption applied.
 - B. Doctrine of Rebound applied.
 - C. Doctrine of the grace apparatus for perception (GAP) applied.

- XIII.** The believer can become enslaved.
 - A.** Enslavement to the STA is basic soul slavery. Rom.6:20
 - B.** Advanced slavery = reversionism (*see doctrine of...*).
- XIV.** Through Bible Doctrine the believer becomes God's slave through positive volition. Eph.6:6; Rom.6:16-22.
- XV.** Communicators are designated the slaves of Christ. Col.4:12
- XVI.** The book of Philemon teaches grace orientation toward others.