

Exodus 5:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But he said, Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and do sacrifice to the LORD.

Analysis

Verse 17 content addresses the systematic oppression through impossible brick quotas. The removal of straw while maintaining production requirements embodies how evil systems break spirits through mathematically impossible demands.

Historical Context

Archaeological evidence confirms ancient Egyptian brick-making used straw as binding material. The escalating oppression in verses 6-17 follows documented patterns of ancient slave economies.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do impossible expectations create false guilt in modern systems?
2. What does this passage teach about systemic injustice?

Interlinear Text

אָמַר ים נָרַפּ ים אֶת־ם נָרַפּ ים עַל כֵּן אֶת־ם אָמַר ים
But he said **Ye are idle** H859 **Ye are idle** H5921 H3651 H859 **But he said**
H559 H7503 H7503 H559

נָלַךְ ה נִזְבַּח ה לַיהוָה:
H1980 **and do sacrifice** **to the LORD**
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