

# Exodus 5:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying,

## Analysis

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Verse 6 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

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

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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

## Interlinear Text

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וַיִּצַו	פַּרְעֹה	בִּי	וַהּ	אֶת	הַנִּגְשִׁים
commanded	And Pharaoh	the same day	H1931	H853	the taskmasters
H6680	H6547	H3117			H5065
בְּעַם	וְאֶת	שָׂטְרֵי יוֹ	לֵאמֹר:		
of the people	H853	and their officers	saying		
H5971		H7860	H559		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 5:10** (Parallel theme): And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw.

**Exodus 5:19** (Parallel theme): And the officers of the children of Israel did see that they were in evil case, after it was said, Ye shall not minish ought from your bricks of your daily task.

**Exodus 1:11** (Parallel theme): Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.