

# Exodus 5:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God.

## Analysis

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Verse 8 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 6-8 follows documented patterns of ancient slave economies.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## 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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תָּמָם וְלֹעֲשֵׂת יְמִינָת מִתְּמָכֵר בְּתַּרְבִּינָה וְאֶת

H853 And the tale of the bricks H834 H1992 which they did make H8543

H4971 H3843

H6213

מִתְּמָרְעֵת לֹא עֲלֵיכֶם תְּשִׁימְוּ שְׁלָשָׁם

heretofore ye shall lay upon them ye shall not diminish H4480

H8032 H7760

H1639

אֲצָקִים תִּמְצֵא עַל כֶּם כִּי כְּמֵרָאֶת יְמִינָת

H3588 ought thereof for they be idle H6817

H7503

H1992 H5921 H3651 H1992

H6817

לְאֱלֹהִינוּ נְזַבֵּת הַלְּכָה לְאָמֵר

saying H1980 and sacrifice to our God

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