

Leviticus 25:42

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as bondmen.

Analysis

For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as bondmen.

This verse falls within the section on **Sabbath Year and Jubilee**. Sabbath year rest for land and Year of Jubilee releasing debts and slaves, teaching trust in God's provision.

The access to God's presence that Leviticus carefully regulated is now freely available through Christ's blood, tearing the veil and opening the way to God.

Historical Context

Sabbath year rest for land and Year of Jubilee releasing debts and slaves, teaching trust in God's provision. Chapters 17-27, often called the 'Holiness Code,' expand covenant obligations beyond ritual to encompass all of life—sexuality, economics, justice, and relationships. The repeated refrain 'I am the LORD' grounds these laws in God's character and covenant relationship with Israel. Israel received these laws while encamped at Sinai, before entering Canaan. The laws prepared them for life in the promised land, distinguishing them from Canaanite practices and establishing their identity as God's holy nation. The portable tabernacle, central to Levitical worship, accompanied them through wilderness wanderings and eventually found permanent form in Solomon's temple. Ancient sacrificial texts

from cultures surrounding Israel demonstrate the widespread practice of animal sacrifice, but Israel's system uniquely emphasized moral atonement over magical efficacy.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
2. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
3. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?

Interlinear Text

כִּי עַבְדָּיו אֲשֶׁר הַזֶּכֶר הַזֶּכֶר אֲתִי הַזֶּכֶר אֲתִי
H3588 For they are my servants H1992 H834 which I brought forth H853
H5650 H3318

מִמָּצָר לֹא מִצָּר יְמִינָה מִמָּצָר וְאַתָּה מִמָּצָר
H776 H4714 H3808 H4376 H4466
out of the land of Egypt they shall not be sold as

עַבְדָּיו
For they are my servants
H5650

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 25:55 (References Egypt): For unto me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

Romans 6:22 (Parallel theme): But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

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