



Does the Bible Condone Slavery?

Agreement

- Humans have inflicted a great deal of evil on other humans.
- I have two audiences in mind today.

What does the Bible say?

- *“When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve you six years.”* (Exodus 21:2)
 - Release every seventh year and year of Jubilee.
 - Children were sold as slaves. (Exodus 21:7)
 - Much of slavery in the bible is due to financial hardship.
- Kidnapping someone was punishable by death. (Exodus 21:16)
- A beating that led to death was punishable by death. (Exodus 21:20) No death, No Punishment (Exodus 21:21)
- If a slave lost an eye or a tooth as a result of being beat they were to be released. (Exodus 21:26-27)

What does the Bible say?

- Leviticus 25:35-46
 - Help the poor and alien. (vs. 35)
 - Do not rule over them ruthlessly but fear God. (vs.43)
 - Slaves to come from neighboring nations. (vs. 44-46)
 - Leviticus 25:44-46 As for your male and female slaves whom you may have: you may buy male and female slaves from among the nations that are around you. You may also buy from among the strangers who sojourn with you and their clans that are with you, who have been born in your land, and they may be your property. You may bequeath them to your sons after you to inherit as a possession forever. You may make slaves of them, but over your brothers the people of Israel you shall not rule, one over another ruthlessly.
- Ancient Law Codes

What does the Bible teach?

- Seems confusing.
- Avoid: Not as bad as.
- Why have Christians been on the forefront of fighting slavery?

How does the Bible teach?

- Narrative
- Meditation Literature (Psalm 1:2)
 - College
- Dropping into the middle of the story you cannot tell who the good guys are.

Biblical Storyline

- Genesis 1:26-27
- Genesis 3
- Genesis 12:1-3
 - Blessing

Biblical Storyline

- Matthew 1:23
 - Immanuel
- Luke 4:22
 - Good News
 - Liberty to the captive.
 - Recovery of sight.
 - Liberty to the oppressed.
 - Power and Authority

Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Not What We Expect

- We expect even want the bible to tell me my rights and what I deserve.
- To live with an alternate reality in view no matter our circumstances.
 - Ephesians 6:5-9
- The Bible doesn't condone slavery it points us to Christ.