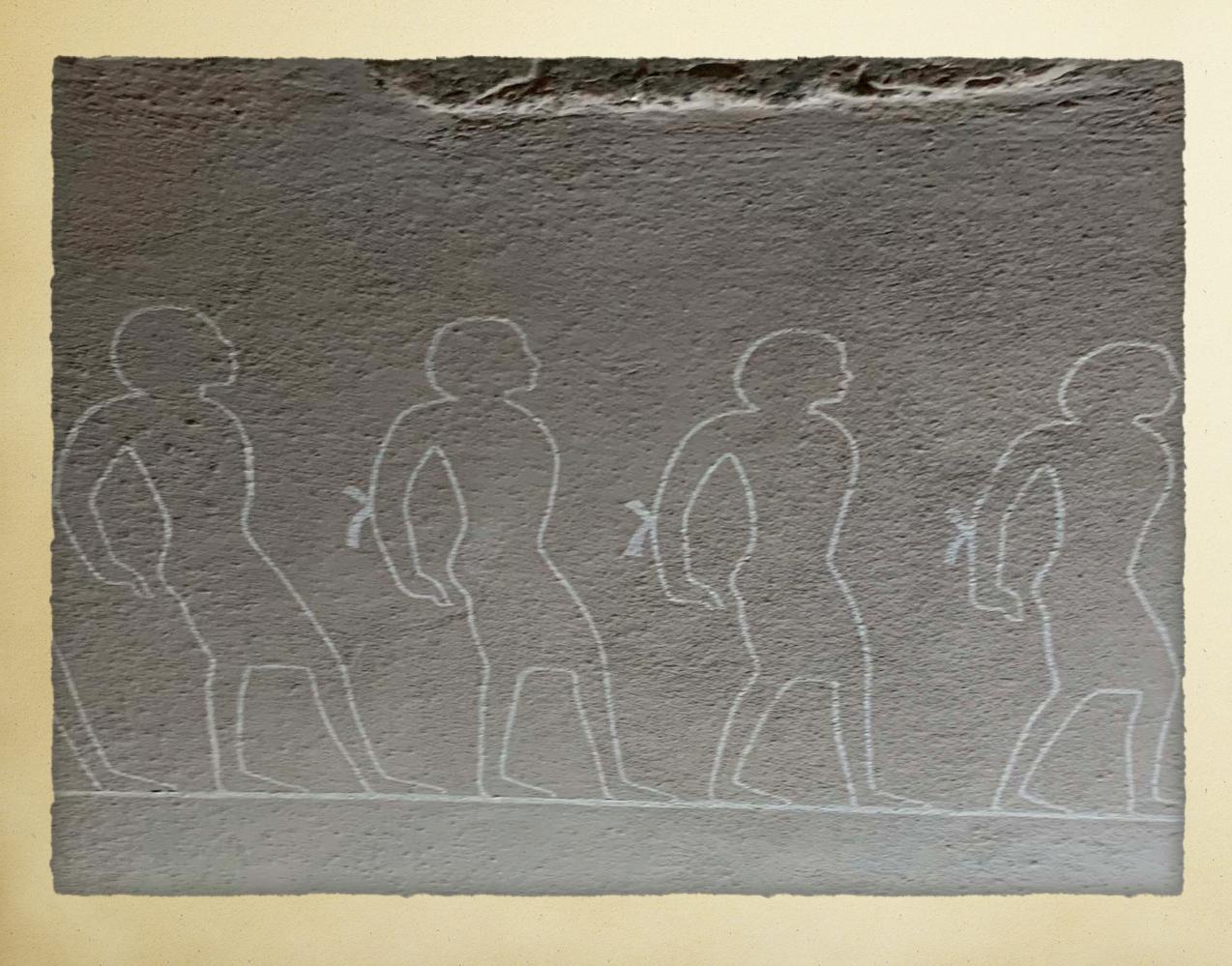
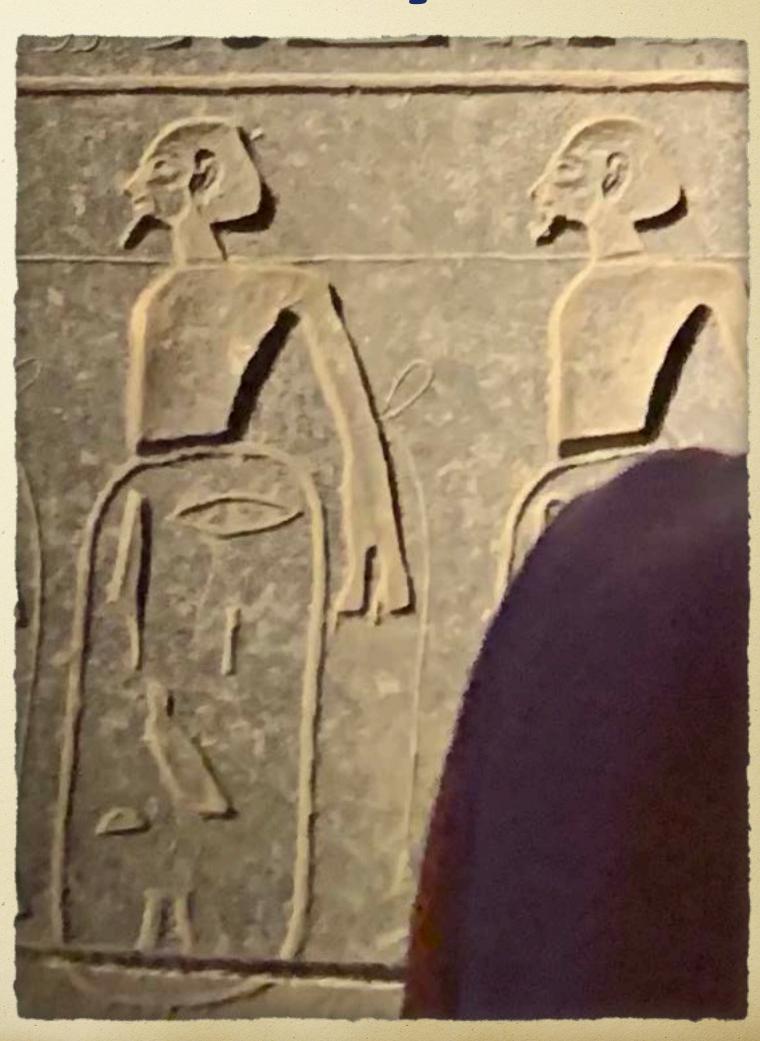
Laws of Servitude / Slavery





The Laws of Servitude are a shadow picture of our relationship with Yahovah.

References:

Exodus 21:1-11

Leviticus 25: 39-55

Deuteronomy 15: 12-18

The reminder of WHY these laws are given is repeated four times in these verses-

Leviticus 25:38

"I am Yahovah your Elohim which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan and to be your God.

Leviticus 25:42

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

Leviticus 25:55

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 Yahovah your Elohim.

Deuteronomy 15:15

And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondsman in the land of Egypt, and Yahovah your Elohim redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing today.

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People were not allowed to be sold. If you sell someone other than yourself-you die. You can buy-

but you can't sell a slave/servant.

Exodus 21:16

And he that steal a man, and sells him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

If you buy a *Hebrew* man or woman they will serve 6 years. In the 7th year they are freed.

This is very symbolic of the 7 millennial years of man on earth.

Deuteronomy 15:12 And if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years, then in the 7th year thou shalt let him go free from thee.

If you buy a foreign slave(sojourner) they will serve until the Jubilee year and then be set free.

Leviticus 25:50-51

50) And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he was sold to him unto the year of jubilee, and according unto the number of years, according to the time of an hired servant shall it be with him.

51) If there be yet many years behind, according unto them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for.

If you sell yourself, you work for 6 years and on the 7th you are set free along with anyone else who entered servitude with you. Anyone else needs to complete their term separatelyregardless of new relationships.

Exodus 21:2-4

- 2)If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve, and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.
- 3) If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself, if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him.

 4) If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's and he shall go out by himself.

When a servant is set free, he is given gifts: a portion of everything his master owns. One may however, extend the term of servitude indefinitely-that is, they may choose to remain a servant at the end of their term.

Deuteronomy 15:13-14 13) And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty.

14) Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy wine press: of that wherewith the Lord thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.

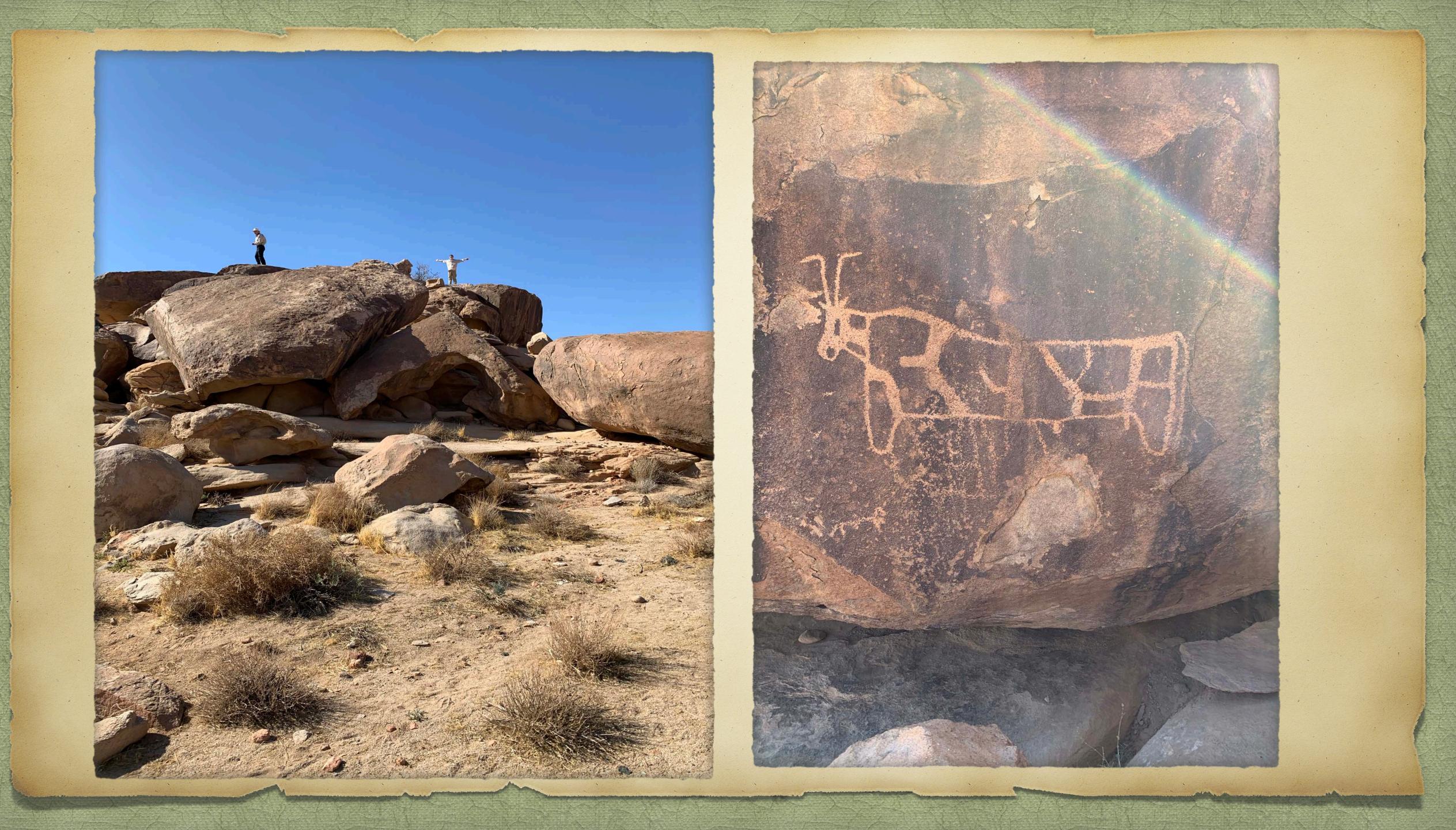
When a servant decides to make their servitude indefinite because he loves his master, and not leave the master, the master shall take an awl and pierce the ear of the servant on the doorpost of the house.

Deuteronomy 15:16-17

16) And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thine house, because he is well with thee, 17) Then thou shalt take an awl and thrust it through his ear into the door, he shall be thy servant forever. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.

Exodus 12:35-36

- 35) And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:
- 36) And the Lord gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.



If the servant is female, she is treated as a wife or daughter. If the master marries his servant she is a concubineshe has dual roles. Otherwise she is treated as a daughter. She cannot be sold, traded nor bartered away.

Exodus 21:7-11

- 7) And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do.
- 8) If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.
 - 9) And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters.

10) If he take him another wife: her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish. 11) And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money.

There is only one way to enter servitude lawfully: debt. They cannot be sold by others (they would be put to death). If they are poor, they would receive alms for their sustenance. If one becomes indebted, and cannot repay their debt, they become a servant to their debtors, unless they find someone who is willing to pay their debt and thereby become their servant instead

Leviticus 25:47-49

- 47) And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother that dwelleth by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family,
- 48) After that he is sold he may be redeemed again, one of his brethren may redeem him.
- 49) Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto of his family may redeem him, or if he is able he may redeem himself.

A slave girl could expect to be married to her master or his son. She could be purchased by her relatives, or be supported. She cannot be sold to a foreigner.

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The master and servant have a common goal, that the servant will, by the end of his term reach the same level that the master is on. He will have similar skills and character. The master will "lift up" his servant as far as the servant is willing to be lifted.

Through time, the relationship between the two deepens. After the servant is freed, the master becomes first among equals to the servant.

Ephesians 6:5-9

- 5) Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart as unto Christ
- 6) Not with eye service, as menpleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of Yahovah from the heart.
 - 7) With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men.

8) Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. 9) And ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening, knowing that your Master also is in heaven, neither is there respect of persons with him.

The laws of Servitude are a reflection of our relationship with Yahovah.

If we accept the servitude of the Almighty -willingly- and do all that is expected of a servant toward his master-we remain with him.

If we are unwilling to serve the Almighty, we remain in the clutches of the adversary because he will have claim upon us through our debt to him.

When we enter mentorship, he will teach us when we are willing to listen.

Yahovah will lift us up however far we are willing to go, which is in proportion to the amount of heed we are willing to give him. This means being a doer of His will, and not a hearer only.

Our road to freedom is designed like servitude. After our symbolic time is completed, (7 years which is the completion of preparation) we are freed, given a portion of all He possesses and becoming joint heirs with Him.

Supporting Verses

Matthew 23:8-12

Luke 17:9-10

Luke 19: 12-26

John 8:34

Romans 6:1-9, 16-18

Romans 7:4-6

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Galatians 4:1-7

Ephesians 6:5-9

Colossians 3:22-25

Colossians 4:1

1 Timothy 6:1-3

1 Peter 2:16-18

2 Peter 2: 10-19

Revelation 22:3-4