

LA3. Slaves & Servants Submitting to, Obeying, Respecting, and Serving Their Masters.

Slaves and Servants are to submit to, obey, respect, and serve their masters.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Ephesians 6:5-7

Slaves, obey your human masters with the same fear, trembling and single-heartedness with which you obey the Messiah. Don't obey just to win their favor, serving only when they are watching you; but serve as slaves of the Messiah, doing what God wants with all your heart. Work willingly as slaves, as people do who are serving not merely human beings but the Lord.

Colossians 3:22

Slaves, obey your human masters in everything, not serving only when they are watching you, to win their favor, but single-heartedly, fearing the Lord.

1 Timothy 6:1-2

Those who are under the yoke of slavery should regard their masters as worthy of full respect, so that the name of God and the teaching will not be brought into disrepute. And those who have believing masters are not to show them less respect on the ground that they are brothers; on the contrary, they should serve all the more diligently, since those benefiting from their service are believers whom they love. Teach and exhort people about these things.

Titus 2:9-10

Tell slaves to submit to their masters in everything, to give satisfaction without talking back or pilfering. On the contrary, they should demonstrate complete faithfulness always, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Deliverer more attractive.

1 Peter 2:18

Household servants, submit yourselves to your masters, showing them full respect- and not only those who are kind and considerate, but also those who are harsh.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

1 Corinthians 7:21

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Exodus 23:5

If you see the donkey which belongs to someone who hates you lying down helpless under its load, you are not to pass him by but to go and help him free it.

Exodus 23:25

You are to serve ADONAI your God; and he will bless your food and water. I will take sickness away from among you.

Deuteronomy 6:13

You are to fear ADONAI your God, serve him and swear by his name.

Deuteronomy 10:20

You are to fear ADONAI your God, serve him, cling to him and swear by his name.

Deuteronomy 13:5(4)

You are to follow ADONAI your God, fear him, obey his mitzvot, listen to what he says, serve to him;

See Also

Deuteronomy 28:47-48; Joshua 22:5, 24:14-15; 1 Samuel 12:24; Psalms 2:11

Comment

This *Mitzvah* is one of several in this compilation that refer to slaves (“bondservants” in the NKJV) of the kind that we no longer have in the “civilized” world of today. It is nevertheless included here for completeness, adaptation to ordinary servanthood, and metaphorically for our obligation to serve God.

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