

“Slaves and Their Masters” (Ephesians 6:5–9)

Introduction: Slavery in the First-Century Roman Empire

Big Idea: Service and oversight at work must please Christ, the Master in heaven.

- I. The Commands to Christian Slaves (verses 5–8)
 - a. Sober and Sincere Obedience to Earthly Masters (verse 5)
 - b. Obedience for God’s Notice and Pleasure, Not Man’s (verse 6)

Genesis 39:2–9, 19–23
 - c. Glad Service for the Rewards the Lord Will Give (verses 7–8)

Colossians 3:22–25; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Corinthians 7:17–24
- II. The Commands to Christian Masters (verse 9)
 - a. Glad Service to Those under Them (verse 9a)
 - b. Oversight without Harsh Threats (verse 9b)
 - c. Regard for the Impartial Master in Heaven (verse 9c)

Encouraging Applications

- 1) Anyone released from their sins is free indeed.

John 8:31–36; Romans 6:17–23
- 2) The good works which glorify God begin with your everyday tasks.

Ephesians 2:1–10; 3:8–12
- 3) The little deeds of the small and helpless are mighty with God.

Matthew 5:3–16; Mark 12:41–44; 1 Kings 17:8–16; John 6:5–13