

Why doesn't the bible condemn Slavery?

Bible was written about everyone, but not to everyone.

God was raising up a nation to win the lost world to Christ.

Do Not to put a Modern view on Ancient History.

Bible was written by people from an Eastern Culture.

Danger in reading into the scriptures Western Customs.

Slavery is a Simple Question: Complicated historical nuance.

Modern understanding of Slavery is fundamentally different than that the ancient world.

The Bible Clearly Condemns Slavery as we saw it in the 18th & 19th Centuries.

(Ex 21:16) *And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.*

Kidnapper, Slave Trader, & Plantation Owner put to death.

(Deut 24:7)

(1 Tim 1:9-10)

(Rev 18:11,13)

The kidnapping of people to be sold is forbidden by the bible.

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Difference between regulating something & approving.

EXAMPLE: Divorce: (Matthew 19:3)

(Matt 19:4-6) Jesus Gives God's plan for Marriage.

(Matt 19:7) Why did Moses regulations allowing for Divorce?

(Matt 19:8-9) Jesus gives the reason for the Regulations.

(Mal 2:16)

God doesn't have to approve of it to give direction on it.

New World Slavery was based on Race.

Involuntary: perpetrated by kidnapping.

Violation of Human Rights.

Brutality, Rape, killing was common place.

Slavery in the Ancient world was never Racial.

Based on the premise that one group of people, were more suited to enslavement in ways that others are not.

In the Nation of Israel it was an...

An Economic Agreement:

OT slavery in the confines of God's people Israel & under the direction of God's word was an economic agreement.

The OT Bible speaks of Indentured Servitude-

A Contract Relationship. An Economic Relationship.

Work for a Contracted period of Time.

Bond Slaves, the Master would buy up the person's debt.

In the Nation of Israel it was an...

A Voluntary Agreement: (Deut 24:7)

Jacob and Laban are a good example of this.

7years was the maximum Allowed. (Deut 15:12)

This was caused by Poverty Not Race!

There was No Rape Allowed in God's Regulations.

Rape Punishable by death. (Deut 22:25)

If the master Raped a servant girl, He had to marry her.

Giving her Full Wife Status. (Deut 22:28-29)

Radically different from other Countries. (Ex 21:16)

What About Abuse?

Not to be treated as Chattle or Personal Property.
(Lev 25:43) *Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour;*

The Non-Hebrew: Same law.

(Lev 25:46) *ye shall not rule one over another with rigour.*

Not allowed to withhold their wages:

(Lev 19:13)(Deut 24:14-15)(James 5:4)

Not Allowed to Physically Abuse them: (Ex 21:26-27)

Is God only concerned about Eyes & Teeth? NO!

In Abuse cases, the Bond Servant went free, Debt cleared.

Contract Voided.

(Ex 21:20-21) Skeptics like this verse.

The Context of the verse:

“Punished” ~Naw-Kam = Avenged of = Death Penalty
(Vs 23-25) Life for Life, etc.

Well you get to beat him? NO! (Ex 21:26-27)

You just lost your servant, income, & his labor.

You just defaulted the contract.

(Ex 21:1-3) 6 year contract.

(Ex 21:4) If She is also a Contract Servant.

His Contract completion does not make her contract void.

In Our Military: A Volunteer Force, but under contract.

He can wait for her contract to be completed:

He can buy out her contract: (Lev 25:48-49a)

She can buy herself out: (Lev 25:49b)

Was not to be sent out empty handed. (Deut 15:12-14, 18)

He can make a lifetime contract: (Ex 21:5-6)

The master had to take him before the judges as a witness.

In Abuse cases: choice to runaway & be free (Deut 23:15-16)

The other people in Israel were required to protect them.

Servants afforded the same religious privileges as masters.

Sabbath Day Rest: (Deut 5:13-15)

National Festivals: (Deut 16:10-12)

Hear the Reading of the Law: (Deut 31:10-13)

What about the Foreigner? (Lev 25:39-46)

The Immediate Context is the Year of Jubilee.

The Foreigner has no land in Israel to Return to:

Jubilee didn't apply to them.

(Lev 19:33-34) Thou shalt love them as one of your own.

(Deut 10:17-19) Treated like Hebrews, except for Jubilee.

(1 Chron 2:34-36) The Slave would inherit the masters estate.

(Prov 17:2) That would never fly in the south.

The OT has the most ancient appeals for Human Rights anywhere in Ancient Literature.

What About Conquered & Subjugated people:

(Deut 21:10-14) They had full status of a wife.

Was Not generational like it was here in the Southern US
Many Slaves in the Roman Empire were well educated.
They were the teachers of the Roman children.

In the NT: Jewish vs Roman Slavery

Advice given to Christian Slaves about their situation.

We are given advice about what to do when persecuted.

Doesn't mean God saw persecution as a Good Thing.

Philemon: A NT Letter written to a Slave Owner.

These 2 men had an economic agreement:

Employer/Employee relationship.

NT gives advice to Christian Masters & Christian Slaves:

Masters: (Eph 6:9-10) Don't rule with harshness or cruelty.

Servants: (Eph 6:5-8)

Doesn't approve Harsh or Cruel Treatment by their Masters.

(1 Cor 7:21b) If you can earn your freedom, great, do it.

(1 Cor 7:21a) If you were a slave: Glorify God where you are.

(1 Cor 7:22) Whether Bond or Free, we are Christ's slave.

Honor God where you are, even if it is a Raw deal.

If you can change your situation for the better: Do IT!

If you can't, **honor God where you are.**

Change your Attitude & **Honor God** in your current situation! (1 Cor 10:31) (Col 3:22-24)

(1 Cor 7:23) Don't become the slave of men.

(Prov 22:7) Through Covetousness we sell our selves as slaves to our Credit Cards.

God condemned Activity that made Slavery Possible. -

Condemns the Involuntary Participation.

Condemns Violence, Rape, Sex trafficking, Physical Abuse.

Everyone is equal to God, Equally Valuable, Equally Loved

(Acts 17:21) We are One Blood!

We are just a great Variety of Human Beings.

(Gal 3:28) *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Today, 2019, Slavery is alive and well in the World.

What are we doing about it?

Why are we tolerating it as a Society?

Sex Trafficking is Alive here in the US.

It is interesting to me the Time, Talent, & Money spent by fools to condemn the Bible.

Instead of bemoaning our blighted past, let us strive today to provide a future without slavery for all.

Evangelism is the only true liberator of people.

If you want to change our world, do it by changing a soul.

A Changed Soul brings a changed life.

A Changed Soul brings a changed Mind.

A Changed Soul brings a changed Future for all.

Have you been changed?