



The Master's Mark

Deuteronomy 15:12-17

¹² If a fellow Hebrew, a man or a woman, sells himself to you and serves you six years, in the seventh year you must let him go free. ¹³ And when you release him, do not send him away empty-handed. ¹⁴ Supply him liberally from your flock, your threshing floor and your winepress. Give to him as the LORD your God has blessed you. ¹⁵ Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you. That is why I give you this command today.

¹⁶ But if your servant says to you, “I do not want to leave you,” because he loves you and your family and is well off with you, ¹⁷ then take an awl and push it through his ear lobe into the door, and he will become your servant for life. Do the same for your maidservant.

Now



Then

1. God's people were to look out for each other.
2. Part of the temple tithe was set aside for the poor.
3. When harvesting, leave the edges of the field and whatever is dropped.

Israelites could sell themselves into slavery

- released in the 7th year
- when freed they were to be given provisions

What if a slave didn't want to be set free?

- they would be marked for life

“then (the master) is to take an awl and push it through his (the slaves) ear lobe into the door, and he will become your servant for life. Do the same for your maidservant.”

“...if you confess with your mouth, ‘JESUS IS LORD,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:9

“Jesus is Lord”

YHWY = LORD

Adonai = Lord (Jehovah)



Kurios = Lord



We **CHOOSE** to be
Jesus' servant



Deuteronomy 15:17
(the Master will) “...***take an awl and push it through the ear lobe into the door, and he will become your servant for life.***”

I CHOOSE to be God's servant

*“... you were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, **YOU WERE MARKED** in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of His glory.”*

Eph.1:13-14

“Having believed”

Our faith must be expressed through action

Faith expressed through action:

1. The servant surrendered something
2. The servant's ear was pierced

We aren't pierced, but there is One who was:
Isaiah 53:5 “... *He was PIERCED for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.*”

Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined Him in His death? ⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

Romans 6:3-4

