

BONDSERVANT RELATIONSHIP

In the New Testament, in the epistles we often see the writer introduce himself as a servant.

Romans 1:¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ

James 1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

2 Peter 1:1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ,

Jude 1:1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,

They used this introduction to indicate a relationship they had with the Lord. Every Jew who heard this phrase knew what it meant. To us today it is lost, unless we have a Hebrew mindset.

Paul a bondservant of the lord, called to be an apostle. Paul saw himself as a bondservant of the lord, being an apostle was just a gift ministry he operated in. If he didn't get that bondservant relationship right, that ministry gift would not function properly, he would draw attention to himself and not the Lord.

There are two Hebrew and two Greek words used in the bible for the word servant.

Two Hebrew words ... Two Greek words

Hebrew Sakiyr: A hired servant Ebed: A Bond Servant

Greek Diakonos: Deacon, servant, minister Doulos: A Bond Servant

We need to distinguish between the two, then We will see that **there is a world of difference between being a Servant and being a Bond Servant.**

WHAT IS A BOND SERVANT?

Exodus 21:2 If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.

Exodus 21:5 And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: 6 Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also **bring him to the door**, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.

The kind of relationship we have with the lord will determine if we are willing to become a bondservant. When we experience a first love relationship with the Lord we don't want free will.

Christians are powerful. Jesus paid the price to set them free, then can do whatever they want to do, of course they do not want to get in bondage to sin, but they have been set free to enjoy and live there life.

But becoming a bondservant is a totally different thing, becoming a disciple we have to lose our life in this world; the word life is soul, the freedom of choice.

A bondservant has only one desire, intimacy with God, experiencing the fullness of the Spirit, where God's will becomes our

will, oneness of spirit, and soul, this is the pathway of intimacy that leads to kingdom responsibility and there are few that enter into this kind of lifestyle.

When a servant chose to become a Bond Servant a whole new commitment and set of requirements were required.

If we are to hear clearly the voice of God, we must settle in our hearts that we will obey Him from our heart.

The Servant: He got wages, He could spend it as he so desired .He got days off and could do on them whatever he wanted. He could marry whomever he chose.

The Bond Servant: Has no days off, he Does not get paid, has no money of his own. He cannot own anything; he has only what the master gives him. He has no rights, Marries only who the master chooses. He must obey without question at all times

But the Bond Servant has Privileges: His master pledges to look after him. He will provide everything he needs. He will protect him with his life! A Bond Servant was given much responsibility.

Genesis 24:2 And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

Genesis 24:10 And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master [were] in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.

He ruled over all of Abrams house. All of Abrams goods were in his hand.

He was almost a joint heir with Abram. But the bondservant of the lord becomes a joint heir with Jesus Christ.

This is the kind of relationship that Jesus wants with us. But first: We have to become a Bond Servant.

THE PIERCING OF THE EAR-This signified that this servant had an ear only for the master.

Jesus had this relationship with His Father- **Isaiah 50:4** The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of disciples, that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens me morning by morning; He awakens my ear to listen as a disciple.

Philippians 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, (Bond Servant) and was made in the likeness of men:

If we are to be able to clearly hear the voice of the Lord, this bond servant commitment is first required of us.