

## **Unworthy Slave or Blessed Slave?**

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**Luke 17:7-10**, *“Which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come immediately and sit down to eat’? <sup>8</sup> But will he not say to him, ‘Prepare something for me to eat, and properly clothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; and afterward you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup> He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he? <sup>10</sup> So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, ‘We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.’”*

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**, *“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.”*

**1 Peter 1:17-19**, *“If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.”*

**Ephesians 6:5-6**, *“Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; <sup>6</sup> ...as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.”*

**Romans 3:23**, *“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”*

**Creature Debt:** as creatures of the Creator God, we OWE God a life of perfect obedience to our law code

**Sin Debt:** as sinners before a holy God, we OWE God an eternity of suffering because of our sin

**2 Corinthians 3:7**, *“The ministry of death.”*

**James 2:10**, *“Whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.”*

**Romans 11:22**, *“Behold then the kindness and severity of God.”*

**Luke 12:35-38**, *“Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps lit. <sup>36</sup> Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them. <sup>38</sup> Whether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.”*