

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

"Submission to Masters"

I Peter 2:18-20

The master/slave relationship was not a relationship established by the Lord. It is purely the outworking of the thinking of men. But it is clear that the Lord wants us to honor these man-made institutions and the authorities that men have set over us and respect them. This obviously was true even of the institution of slavery .

Mandate - "Servants be submissive to your masters"

Servants (OIKETAI) - House slaves

They were considered to be property

They had no legal recourse in the courts

They were not able to contract a legal marriage

Mandate clarified

Respect

Respect (PHOBOS) - Respect for the Lord

(Ephesians 6:5-7, Colossians 3:22) not for masters

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Extent - Submission even if the masters were unreasonable

Mandate explained